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MARINE COMPETENT AUTHORITY APPROVAL

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In accordance with the provisions of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code, as amended, this is to confirm that the Maritime and Coastguard Agency has no objection to **Vetspeed** in carrying by sea, from Isle of Wight to Mainland UK ports the following:

**Proper Shipping Name: CLINICAL WASTE, UNSPECIFIED, N.O.S or
BIOMEDICAL WASTE N.O.S or
REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE N.O.S.**

**UN Number : 3291
Class : 6.2
Packing Group : II
Packing Instruction : P621**

Definition – “Waste transported under UN 3291 means wastes derived from the medical treatment of humans or animals or from bio-research where there is a relatively low probability that infectious substances are present”.

The following additional conditions shall apply to the goods offered for carriage or taken aboard the ship:-

1. Stowage will be category D, away from foodstuffs and away from living quarters.
2. Clinical waste is carried in a rigid closed vehicle or closed container and is to be accompanied by a trained driver at all times.
3. All clinical waste, liquid and solid, to be contained within UN approved rigid, leakproof packaging which is resistant to puncture from sharp objects such as broken glass and needles and capable of retaining liquids. *If any liquid is present then the rigid packaging is to be provided with absorbent material sufficient to absorb the entire amount of liquid present and that the packaging is capable of retaining the liquid.*

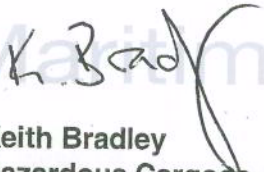
Additional conditions are given overleaf:

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4. Packing Instruction P621 applies in full. The UN approved rigid, leakproof packaging should be secured in a way to prevent movement and be stowed in a single layer. *If packaging is to be stacked then the packaging must be capable of being stacked in accordance with the manufacturer's instruction and separated horizontally with the weight distributed evenly over all packaging.*
5. No other dangerous goods may be carried, except UN 2814 and UN 2900, in the same freight container or rigid closed vehicle. When carrying UN 2814 and UN 2900 in the same vehicle as UN 3291 the requirements of the applicable Competent Authority Approval must be complied with.
6. During loading and unloading the manual handling of the clinical waste shall be limited to reduce the risk of anyone being exposed to the clinical waste.
7. Appropriate measures are taken to prevent leakage of dangerous goods from the vehicle or container in the event of accident.
8. Any incident which occurs after the goods have been offered for carriage by sea resulting in the loss or potential loss of containment of the cargo, loss overboard, or other situation with possible or actual increased hazard to the ship or its personnel, shall be reported to this office without delay, detailing the circumstances. The attention of the carrier and the consignee is drawn to this requirement.
9. This document shall not be used as documentary proof of correct classification. Correct classification remains the responsibility of the shipper.
10. Documentary proof must be held as evidence that a competent person or body has correctly classified the goods in accordance with the IMDG Code. This information shall be made available at any time at the discretion of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.
11. In all other respects the relevant requirements of the IMDG Code shall be followed.
12. A copy of this approval is to be attached to the Dangerous Goods Declaration and shall be presented to anyone having a legitimate interest in the carriage of these goods.
13. This approval is valid until the expiry date stated, provided no changes are made to the IMDG Code, which would affect this approval in the intervening period.
14. The Agency may withdraw this approval for failure to observe any of the above conditions, or for any other reason which the agency judges sufficient.
15. Any renewal of this approval must be accompanied by a list of any incidents that may have occurred. A nil return is required.

Signed


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