

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
TRANSPORTATION OF “EMPTY PACKAGINGS”
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS
TITLE 49 PART 173.29 “EMPTY PACKAGINGS”

- (a) General. Except as otherwise provided in this section, an empty packaging containing only the residue of a hazardous material shall be offered for transportation and transported in the same manner as when it previously contained a greater quantity of that material.
- (b) Notwithstanding the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section, an empty packaging is NOT subject to any other requirements of this subchapter if it conforms to the following provisions:
1. Any hazardous materials shipping name and identification number markings, any hazard warning labels or placards, and any other markings indicating that the material is hazardous are removed, obliterated, or securely covered in transportation.
 2. The packaging-
 - (i) Is unused;
 - (ii) Is sufficiently cleaned of residue and purged of vapors to remove any potential hazard;
 - (iii) Is refilled with a material, which is not hazardous to such an extent that any residue remaining in the packaging no longer poses a hazard.

YOU can help make our skies a safer place to be and help protect buyers of your products from stiff civil and/or criminal sanctions by alerting them through your advertising and product markings. You can really make a difference. Warnings to buyers not to take forbidden items such as:

“DO NOT PACK IN AIRLINE LUGGAGE”

“BUY ON SITE, AVOID A FLIGHT”

“EMPTY THIS CONTAINER COMPLETELY AND PURGE OF ALL LIQUID AND VAPORS”

Hikers, campers, hunters, fisherman are FLYING to and from their adventure destinations in increasing numbers each year. Outdoor gear that is presented to air carriers as checked or carry-on luggage are suspicious items and will receive increased scrutiny. This increased scrutiny is a result of many incidents caused by hazardous materials being illegally packed in luggage that leak flammable liquid fuel, or catch fire due to matches, flammable gas torches, flare guns, fireworks, flammable compressed gases, etc.

Having to remove items from luggage, or being cited with a hazardous materials violation and large civil penalty, can ruin a much-anticipated adventure.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WEBSITES at <http://hazmat.dot.gov> or <http://cas.faa.gov> or call the DOT Hazardous Materials Information center at 800-487-4922.



PLEASE HELP, THANK YOU!