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BULLETIN TYPE: Joint Flight Standards Information Bulletin (FSIB) for Air Transportation and Airworthiness
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BULLETIN TITLE: Civil Aviation Security Additional Guidance on Hazardous Material (HAZMAT) Programs
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1. ACTION. Civil Aviation Security (ACO-1) has recently revised the Air Carrier Manual requirements pertaining to the carriage of hazardous materials (HAZMAT). Principal Operations Inspectors (POI) should ensure during their routine surveillance that their respective air carriers are aware of the attached additional requirements and have made the appropriate changes to their operating procedures and training program.

2. INQUIRIES. This Flight Standards Information Bulletin (FSIB) was developed by the Flight Standards Air Transportation Division, AFS-200, and Aircraft Maintenance Division, AFS-300.

3. EXPIRATION. This FSIB expires 05-16-97.

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In view of the safety concerns that are inherent in the shipment of oxygen generators containing Sodium Chlorate, the following instructions should be given to all Civil Aviation Security personnel and Principal Operations Inspectors (POI) involved in review and approval of hazardous material programs for air carriers. Ensure that the respective carriers have incorporated into their manuals and inspections, procedures which include the following instructions. Oxygen generators containing Sodium Chlorate are classified as a "Hazardous Material" and, therefore, must be transported in accordance with DOT HAZMAT Regulations (49 CFR Part 100 through 177). This includes proper description of the content, hazard class, and quantity limitations. In addition, the outer package must be appropriately marked and labeled. The proper shipping name and hazard class is "oxidizing, substances, solid, n.o.s. (contains sodium chlorate), 5.1, UN 1479, II."

The oxygen generators must have a safe mechanism to prevent accidental discharge during transport. Under no circumstances should any Air Carrier accept an oxygen generator marked "EMPTY." Each Air Carrier must assure that any oxygen generator that is offered for transportation is properly packaged, marked, labeled and contains verification that it has the "Safe" mechanism installed prior to acceptance. These oxygen generators may also be known as oxygen canisters. Particular attention should be given to shipment of company material (COMAT) that includes HAZMAT to ensure that HAZMAT regulations are followed.

If you have any questions regarding information on this matter, please contact the nearest Civil Aviation Security Office.