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**COMPETENT AUTHORITY CERTIFICATION FOR A
TYPE B(U)
RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS PACKAGE DESIGN
CERTIFICATE USA/0670/B(U) , REVISION 9**

**REVALIDATION OF UNITED KINGDOM COMPETENT AUTHORITY
CERTIFICATE GB/3746B/B(U)**

The Competent Authority of the United States certifies that the radioactive material package design described in this certificate satisfies the regulatory requirements for a Type B(U) package as prescribed in the regulations of the International Atomic Energy Agency¹ and the United States of America² The package design is approved for use within the United States for import and export shipments made in accordance with applicable international and domestic transport regulations.

1. Package Identification - Model 3746B.
2. Package Description and Authorized Radioactive Contents - as described in United Kingdom Certificate of Competent Authority GB/3746B/B(U), Rev. 6 (attached).
3. General Conditions -
 - a. Each user of this certificate must have in his possession a copy of this certificate and all documents necessary to properly prepare the package for transportation. The user shall prepare the package for shipment in accordance with the documentation and applicable regulations.
 - b. Each user of this certificate, other than the original petitioner, shall register his identity in writing to the Office of Engineering and Research, (PHH-23), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington D.C. 20590-0001.

¹ "Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material, 2018 Edition, No. SSR-6 (Rev. 1)" published by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Vienna, Austria.

² Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 100-199, United States of America.

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- c. This certificate does not relieve any consignor or carrier from compliance with any requirement of the Government of any country through or into which the package is to be transported.
 - d. Records of Management System activities required by Paragraph 306 of the IAEA regulations¹ shall be maintained and made available to the authorized officials for at least three years after the last shipment authorized by this certificate. Consignors in the United States exporting shipments under this certificate shall satisfy the applicable requirements of Subpart H of 10 CFR 71.
4. Marking and Labeling - The package shall bear the marking USA/0670/B(U) in addition to other required markings and labeling.
5. Expiration Date - This certificate expires on August 31, 2028. Previous editions which have not reached their expiration date may continue to be used.

This certificate is issued in accordance with paragraph(s) 810 of the IAEA Regulations and Section 173.473 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, in response to the September 5, 2023 petition by QSA Global, Inc., Burlington, MA, and in consideration of other information on file in this Office.

Certified By:



William Schoonover
Associate Administrator for Hazardous
Materials Safety

September 08,
2023

(DATE)

Revision 9 - Issued to revalidate United Kingdom Certificate of Approval No. GB/3746B/B(U), Rev. 6.

GB/3746B/B(U) (Rev.6)

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL OF PACKAGE DESIGN FOR THE CARRIAGE OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL

This is to certify that for the purposes of the Regulations of the International Atomic Energy Agency

- The Competent Authority of Great Britain in respect of inland surface transport, being the Office for Nuclear Regulation;
- The Competent Authority of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in respect of sea transport, being the Secretary of State for Transport;
- The Competent Authority of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in respect of air transport, being the Civil Aviation Authority; and
- The Competent Authority of Northern Ireland in respect of road transport, being the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs - Northern Ireland

approve the package design specified in Section 1 of this certificate, as submitted for approval by QSA Global Inc. (see Section 5)

as: Type B(U)

by: road and rail in Great Britain; road in Northern Ireland; air; sea.


Packaging identification: 3746B

Packages manufactured to this design meet the requirements of the regulations and codes on pages 3 and 4, relevant to the mode of transport, subject to the following general condition and to the conditions in the succeeding pages of this certificate.

In the event of any alteration in the composition of the package, the package design, the management system(s) associated with the package or in any of the facts stated in the application for approval, this certificate will cease to have effect unless the Competent Authority is notified of the alteration and the Competent Authority confirms the certificate notwithstanding the alteration.

Expiry Date: This certificate cancels all previous revisions and is valid until the end of August 2028 (see Section 5).

COMPETENT AUTHORITY IDENTIFICATION MARK: GB/3746B/B(U)

Signature: 

Date of Issue: 04 September 2023

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on behalf of the Office for Nuclear Regulation; the Secretary of State for Transport; the Civil Aviation Authority; and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs - Northern Ireland.

This certificate does not relieve the consignor from compliance with any requirement of the government of any country through or into which the package will be transported.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE TRANSPORT OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS

INTERNATIONAL

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

SSR-6 Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material 2018 Edition

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) 2023 Edition

Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF)

Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID) 2023 Edition

International Maritime Organization (IMO)

International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code 2020 Edition incorporating Amendment 40-20

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air 2023-2024 Edition

UNITED KINGDOM

ROAD

GREAT BRITAIN ONLY:

The Energy Act 2013 (2013 c. 32); The Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations 2009 (SI 2009 No. 1348); The Energy Act 2013 (Office for Nuclear Regulation) (Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2014 (SI 2014 No. 469)

NORTHERN IRELAND ONLY:

The Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010, (SR 2010 No 160)

RAIL

GREAT BRITAIN ONLY:

The Energy Act 2013 (2013 c. 32); The Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations 2009 (SI 2009 No. 1348); The Energy Act 2013 (Office for Nuclear Regulation) (Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2014 (SI 2014 No. 469)

SEA

British registered ships and all other ships whilst in United Kingdom territorial waters:
The Merchant Shipping Act 1995 (1995 c. 21); The Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods and Marine Pollutants) Regulations 1997 (SI 1997 No. 2367); Merchant

Shipping Notice MSN 1906 (M) The carriage of dangerous goods and marine pollutants: Amendments to international standards

AIR

The Air Navigation Order 2016 (SI 2016 No. 765); The Air Navigation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations 2002 (SI 2002 No.2786)

1. DESIGN SPECIFICATION

Package Design

1.1 The package design specification shall be in accordance with QSA Global Inc. Application for Type B(U) Approval for Container 3746B, reference R.S 0139 Issue 6, dated 4 January 2023, and modifications to the package design approved by the authorities named on page 1 of this certificate under the established modifications procedure.

Design Drawings

1.2 The design is specified in the following drawings.

Design No.	Title (number of components)	Drawing / Drawing List	Issue
3746B 3746 P500	Drawing List General Arrangement Outer / Steel Drum Assembly Pot Assembly (one)	RS 0138 JB133/000 JB132/010 JB133/020	2 B B B
Approved IAEA SF Capsule	Various	As valid	As valid

Package Description and Materials of Manufacture

1.3 The package outer is a carbon steel drum, with a full diameter lid and a stainless steel clamp-band. Two handles provide for lifting and for tie-down. Impact and thermal protection is provided by the drum and a cork liner whilst a lead pot provides radiation shielding. The pot can have tungsten or depleted uranium inserts for additional radiation shielding. The pot holds special form capsules of iridium-192 and selenium-75. See Appendix 1 for package illustration.

Package Dimension and Weights

1.4 Nominal dimensions: 325 mm diameter x 405 mm height

1.5 Maximum authorised gross weight: 54.0 kg

Authorised Contents

1.6 Authorised radioactive contents:

- a) Metallic iridium or selenium intermetallic alloy encapsulated as approved and valid IAEA Special Form Capsule Material.
- b) The maximum activity of iridium-192 in the package is limited to a source output of 7.4 TBq when using the depleted uranium insert.

- c) The maximum activity of iridium-192 in the package is limited to a source output of 3.4 TBq when using the tungsten insert.
- d) The maximum activity of selenium-75 in the package is limited to 12 TBq when using either insert.
- e) Maximum heat load is limited to 2.78 W generating surface flux of 5.6 W/m².
- f) When any combination of the radionuclides referred to in 1.6.b, 1.6.c and 1.6.d is to be carried; they shall be limited such that the sum of the proportionate amounts of each radionuclide present with respect to the quantities shown does not exceed one.

Containment System

- 1.7 The containment for the radioactive material is the stainless steel or titanium of the special form source capsules which are closed by welding.

2. USE OF PACKAGE

Information Provided in Safety Report on Use of Packaging

- 2.1 The packaging shall be used and handled and maintained in accordance with QSA Global Inc. Operating and Maintenance Instructions for the Model 3746B, reference HPI-129 Issue 6, dated 21 November 2022.

Actions Prior to Shipment

- 2.2 Administrative controls shall ensure that the contents are in accordance with Section 1 of this certificate, and that the consignor and consignee hold a copy of the certificate and instructions on the use of the packaging.
- 2.3 The package is not required to reach thermal equilibrium prior to shipment.

Range of Ambient Conditions for Package Design

- 2.4 -40°C to +38°C
- 2.5 -40°C to +55°C for air

Emergency Arrangements

- 2.6 Before shipment takes place, adequate emergency arrangements must be made, copies of which shall be supplied to the GB Competent Authority on demand.
- 2.7 Within Great Britain, if the consignor's own, or other approved emergency plans, cannot be initiated for any reason, then the police shall be informed immediately.

3. MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

3.1 The management system(s) assessed as adequate in relation to this design by the authorities named on page 1 of this certificate, at the date of issue, comprise the following:

- QSA Global Inc. Quality System Manual (QSM-1) as specified in RS 0139 Issue 6 dated 4 January 2023.

3.2 No alteration may be made to any management system confirmed as adequate in relation to this design, unless:

- a) the authorities named on page 1 of this certificate have confirmed the amended management system is adequate prior to implementation or use; or
- b) the alteration falls within the agreed change control procedures set out in the management system(s).

3.3 Other management systems for design, testing, manufacture, documentation, use, maintenance, inspection, transport and in-transit storage operations may be used providing they comply with international, national or other standards for management systems agreed as acceptable by the authorities named on page 1 of this certificate.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Shipment Approval

4.1 There is no requirement for a shipment approval.

Packaging Serial Numbers

4.2 This design approval applies only to packaging serial numbers 001 to 122.

4.3 For the purpose of compliance with ADR / RID, the owner of the packaging shall be responsible for informing ONR of the serial number of each packaging manufactured to this design.

5. CERTIFICATE STATUS

Design approval issued to:

QSA Global Inc.
40, North Avenue
Burlington, MA 01803
USA

Issue / Revision Number	Date of Issue	Date of Expiry	Reason for Revision
1	06 February 2004	End of February 2007	First issue under new regulations
2	14 February 2008	End of February 2013	Renewal and change of ownership
3	22 January 2013	End of February 2018	Renewal
4	28 February 2018	End of August 2018	Extension
5	23 August 2018	End of August 2023	Renewal
6	04 September 2023	End of August 2028	Renewal

APPENDIX 1 – PACKAGE ILLUSTRATION

