



**Pipeline and Hazardous  
Materials Safety Administration**

**APPROVAL CA2020120503**

**(1<sup>st</sup> Revision)**

**ISSUED BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED STATES**

**EXPIRATION DATE: April 05, 2026**

1. **APPROVAL HOLDER:** Authorized Testing, Inc.  
2522 Kansas Avenue  
Riverside CA 92507 United States
2. **REGULATORY AUTHORITY:** 49 CFR §107.803
3. **SYNOPSIS:** Authorized Testing, Inc. is authorized to conduct inspections to verify testing of **DOT 3AA** Specification Cylinders manufactured outside the United States or its territories under approval number **IA02**, in accordance with the requirements of this approval. This approval is a two and a half years' conditional approval until a fitness review of the facility can be conducted by PHMSA.
4. **BASIS:** This approval is issued in response to Authorized Testing, Inc.'s application dated August 29, 2023, requesting renewal to serve as EKC International FZE's Independent Inspection Agency (IIA) for the purpose of inspecting and Quality Assurance for the manufacturing of **DOT 3AA** Specification Cylinder, followed by an inspection and audit at the manufacturing site listed in 5.a and independent verification tests conducted at an approved laboratory.
5. **PERIOD OF VALIDITY AND CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:** This approval does not provide relief from any requirements of the Hazardous Materials Regulations except as stated herein. This approval is valid until the posted expiration date or until terminated by the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

a. **Approved Authority:** This approval authorizes the performance of inspections, tests, and verifications of Special Permit Specification cylinders manufactured in accordance with the following provisions:

1) Inspections can only be conducted at:

**EKC International FZE  
PO Box 61041  
Jebel Ali Free Zone  
Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

2) Inspection can only be conducted on:

**DOT 3AA Cylinders - Manufactured in accordance with §§  
178.37.**

The approval holder must ensure that the manufacture of these specifications is conducted in accordance with all of the applicable requirements of the specifications listed above, as well as all other applicable sections of the Hazardous Material Regulations (HMR), unless otherwise authorized in writing.

6. **SAFETY CONTROLS:**

a. In addition to responsibilities stated in 5.a, the inspector must satisfy themselves that the manufacture complies with the conditions of their approval.

b. If production or inspection of DOT cylinders has been suspended for more than six months, the Office of Hazardous Materials Approvals and Permits must be notified prior to resumption of production. Additional sample testing and/or an onsite inspection may be required prior to resumption of production, at the discretion of PHMSA.

c. No deviations from designs, materials, method of manufacture, inspection procedures or any technical information submitted in support of the manufacturer's or inspector's applications for approval is authorized, unless approved in writing prior to the implication of any changes.

- d. This approval does not relieve the holder or its employees of any obligations imposed by the applicable regulations. Violations of this approval or any applicable regulations, or failure to properly perform the duties of an independent inspection agency, may be grounds for approval termination or other enforcement action as provided in the regulations.
- e. Advance notice and written approval is required before any of the following can be implemented:
  - 1) Technical changes in the manufacturing process or procedures are made.
  - 2) Adding a new Special Permit, UN ISO or DOT specification design, not meeting the requirements above, or authorization to manufacture a cylinder specification not currently authorized to be manufactured under the authority of this approval.
- f. If non-technical information submitted in your application for approval changes, PHMSA must be notified, in writing, within 20 days of the change.
- g. All approved Independent Inspection Agencies are required to submit a semi-annual report to this office on company letterhead which shall include the following:
  - 1) Current active facilities under DOT approval or permit, including the name, address, and contact information for each location.
  - 2) Summary of production at each facility (i.e. the cylinder specifications and numbers of DOT- approved cylinders manufactured at each location where IIA services are rendered.)
  - 3) Number of Inspectors assigned to each facility.
  - 4) Listing of all lead and certifying Inspectors at each location, to include a listing of the identifying inspection stamp(s) for each inspector.

5) Contact information for the Lead Inspector at each facility; to include current phone numbers and email addresses.

6) Reports must be received prior to July 1st and December 31st of each year to meet the semi- annual requirement.

7. **SPECIAL PROVISIONS:**

a. A current copy of this approval must be maintained and made available for examination at the location where cylinders are manufactured.

8. **GENERAL PROVISIONS:**

a. Failure by any person to comply with the terms and conditions of this approval and the Hazardous Materials Regulations, 49 CFR Parts 171-180, may result in the modification, suspension or termination of that person's authority to use this approval. Failure to comply may also subject that person to penalties prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §§ 5123 and 5124. This approval may be modified, suspended or terminated in its entirety if that action is justified in light of changes in circumstances or additional information not available when this approval was issued. Unless immediate modification, suspension or termination is necessary to avoid a risk of significant harm to persons or property, before action is taken, that person will be notified and provided with an opportunity to show why the proposed action should not be taken.

b. Each "Hazmat employee," as defined in § 171.8, who performs a function subject to this approval must be provided training on the requirements and conditions of this approval in addition to the training required by §§ 172.700 through 172.704.

c. Any person operating under the terms of this approval must comply with the security plan requirement in Subpart I of Part 172 of the HMR, when applicable.

**d. This approval, as revised, supersedes all previous versions.**

Issued in Washington, D.C.

Dated: October 05, 2023



for William Schoonover  
Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety

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