

METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION  
MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
WOLD-CHAMBERLAIN FIELD

OFFICE OF THE AIRPORT DIRECTOR

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NOTICE TO: ALL AIRLINES, CARGO CARRIERS, GROUND HANDLERS AND MILITARY

FROM: Airport Director, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport

SUBJECT: FIELD RULE: EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL HANDLING PROCEDURES AND CLASSIFICATION LIMITATIONS

The Metropolitan Airports Commission, in consideration of the handling of explosive material at MSP, issues this explosive material handling procedures and explosive material classification limitations FIELD RULE. The following classification limitations and explosive handling procedures for MSP are effective this date, December 01, 1997 and supersede all previous Field Rules regarding this issue.

**"EXPLOSIVES CLASSIFIED AS 1.3 - 1.6 ARE ALLOWED AT MSP"\***

1. All requests to bring explosive material through MSP will be referred to MAC Airside Operations (612.726.5111) for approval. If the material arrives unannounced, the handling agent will notify MAC Airside Operations immediately and not handle the material until approval has been granted.
2. MAC Airside Operations will approve or deny the request to move the material through MSP, based upon the type of explosive in question.\*\*
3. Once approval has been granted, shippers without pre-arranged handling requirements with an airline or the military will be advised to contact Signature Flight Support to request ground handling (612.726.5742).
4. Once approval has been granted, Airside Operations will notify Airport Communications, who will notify the Airport Fire and Police Departments.
5. If requested, Airside Operations will reserve a remote site on the airfield for ground handling the explosive material.
6. The handling agent will handle the aircraft according to OSHA, NFPA, HAZMAT and IATA regulations.

\* Exceptions to the classification limitations can be made for military operations.

\*\* U.S. DOT classifies explosives from 1.1 through 1.6, with 1.1 creating the most explosive hazard.

This FIELD RULE contains provisions for the safe handling of explosive material and places classification limitations on the types of explosive material that can be shipped through MSP. It is essential that each company emphasize to their cargo shipping and cargo handling employees the need to comply with the FIELD RULE.

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