



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Pipeline and  
Hazardous Materials  
Safety Administration**

**COMPETENT AUTHORITY CERTIFICATION  
FOR A TYPE B(U)  
RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS PACKAGE DESIGN  
CERTIFICATE USA/9310/B(U)-96, REVISION 4**

East Building, PHH-23  
1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast  
Washington, D.C. 20590

This certifies that the radioactive material package design described has been certified by the Competent Authority of the United States as meeting the regulatory requirements for a Type B(U) packaging for radioactive material as prescribed in the regulations of the International Atomic Energy Agency<sup>1</sup> and the United States of America<sup>2</sup>.

1. Package Identification - MDS Nordion Inc. Model No. F-431/GC-1000 or F-431/GC-3000.
2. Package Description and Authorized Radioactive Contents - as described in U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Certificate of Compliance No. 9310, Revision 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 Hazardous Materials Technology, (PHH-23), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington D.C. 20590-0001.
  - 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.

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<sup>1</sup> "Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material, 1996 Edition (Revised), No. TS-R-1 (ST-1, Revised)," published by the International Atomic Energy Agency(IAEA), Vienna, Austria.

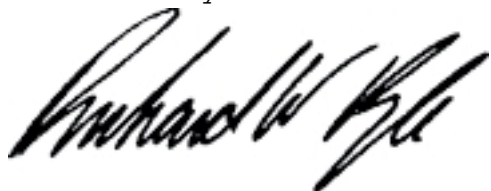
<sup>2</sup> Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 100-199, United States of America.

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- d. Records of Quality Assurance activities required by Paragraph 310 of the IAEA regulations<sup>1</sup> 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/9310/B(U)-96 in addition to other required markings and labeling.
5. Expiration Date - This certificate expires on June 30, 2019.

This certificate is issued in accordance with paragraph 808 of the IAEA Regulations and Section 173.471 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, in response to the August 28, 2015 petition by Best Theratronics Ltd., Ottawa, Ontario, and in consideration of other information on file in this Office.

Certified By:



Dr. Magdy El-Sibaie  
Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety

**Sep 16 2015**  
(DATE)

Revision 4 - Issued to endorse U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Certificate of Compliance No. 9310, Revision 6.

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2. PREAMBLE

- a. This certificate is issued to certify that the package (packaging and contents) described in Item 5 below meets the applicable safety standards set forth in Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 71, "Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material."
- b. This certificate does not relieve the consignor from compliance with any requirement of the regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation or other applicable regulatory agencies, including the government of any country through or into which the package will be transported.

3. THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED ON THE BASIS OF A SAFETY ANALYSIS REPORT OF THE PACKAGE DESIGN OR APPLICATION

- a. ISSUED TO (*Name and Address*)  
Best Theratronics  
413 March Road  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Canada K2K 0E4
- b. TITLE AND IDENTIFICATION OF REPORT OR APPLICATION  
MDS Nordion application dated May 27, 2003, as supplemented.

4. CONDITIONS

This certificate is conditional upon fulfilling the requirements of 10 CFR Part 71, as applicable, and the conditions specified below.

5.

(a) Packaging

- (1) Model No. F-431 Transport Package
- (2) Description

The Model No. F-431 Transport Package is designed to transport Cesium-137 in either special form or RAMCO-50 non-special form sealed sources. The F-431 Transport Package consist of: (1) the overpack which provides impact and thermal protection; (2) either the MDS Nordion Gammacell-1000 irradiator (GC-1000), or the MDS Nordion Gammacell-3000 irradiator (GC-3000) which provides shielding protection; and (3) the radioactive contents in either special form or RAMCO-50 non-special form sealed sources which provide containment.

The F-431 Transport Package is a stainless steel cylindrical package with a 1,067-millimeter (mm) (42-inch (in.)) outside diameter and a height of 1,283 mm (50.5 in.) that is placed on a removable mild steel skid. The maximum weight of the package is 2,270 kilograms (kg) (5,000 pounds (lb)).

The overpack consists of nested cylindrical shells. The shells are made from stainless steel and the volume between the shells is filled with rigid foam. This foam provides insulation during an accidental fire. Vent holes, plugged with material designed to melt in a fire, are provided between the shells to prevent pressure buildup and allow a pathway for escape of gases from foam during an accidental fire.

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The GC-1000 and the GC-3000 are lead-shielding casks each with a source cavity. The package contents may consist of up to eight Cesium-137 special form sealed sources or RAMCO-50 non-special form sealed sources (provided Condition 5.(b)(1)(ii) is met) inside a source holder, within the source cavity. The maximum total activity of Cesium-137 is 113 tera-Becquerels (TBq) (3,050 Curies (Ci)). The following are the features of the GC-1000 and GC-3000:

Irradiator Model	Rated Capacity	Diameter*	Height*	Lead Thickness*	Steel Shell Thickness*	Weight*
GC-1000	113 TBq (3,050 Ci)	457 mm (18 in.)	610 mm (24 in.)	150 mm (6 in.)	9.5 mm (0.375 in.)	1,054 kg (2,324 lb)
GC-3000	113 TBq (3,050 Ci)	457 mm (18 in.)	610 mm (24 in.)	110 mm (4.35 in.)	9.5 mm (0.375 in.)	1,091 kg (2,404 lb)

\* Nominal Values

The approximate dimensions and weights of the package are as follows:

Package outside diameter	1,067mm (42 inches)
Package height	1,283 mm (50.5 inches)
Cavity diameter	559 mm (22 inches)
Cavity height	813 mm (32 inches)
Removable skid	1,118 mm (44 inches) x 1,003 mm (39.5 inches) x 203 mm (8 inches)
Overpack weight	1,044 kg (2,300 lbs)
Contents weight (max.)	1,225 kg (2,700 lbs)
Maximum package weight	2,270 kg (5,000 lbs)

(3) Drawings

The packaging is constructed in accordance with the Best Theratronics drawing F643101-001, Sheet 1, Revision J, and Sheet 2, Revision E.

(b) Contents

(1) Type and form of material

(i) Cesium-137 as a sealed source which meets the requirements of special form radioactive material. The sealed sources consist of the following special form sources: C-378, C-1000, C-1001, C-3000, C-3001, C3100, or ISO-1000.

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(ii) Cesium-137 as the RAMCO-50 non-special form sealed source, provided the following conditions are met:

- Source must conform to the specifications given in Figure 4.8 of the Safety Analysis Report and sealed source registry Certificate No. NR-0880-S-804-S.
- Source must have been shown to not be leaking within six months prior to shipment.
- Source must not have been damaged during its service in the GC-1000.

(2) Maximum quantity of material per package

113 TBq (3,050 Curies)

6. In addition to the requirements of Subpart G of 10 CFR Part 71:

- (a) The package must be prepared for shipment and operated in accordance with the Operating Procedures in Chapter 7 of the application.
- (b) Each packaging must be acceptance tested and maintained in accordance with the Acceptance Tests and Maintenance Program in Chapter 8 of the application.

7. The package authorized by this certificate is hereby approved for use under the general license provisions of 10 CFR 71.17.

8. Transport by air of fissile material is not authorized.

9. Expiration date: June 30, 2019.

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REFERENCES

MDS Nordion application dated May 27, 2003.

Supplements dated: April 16, July 16, July 21, and July 23, 2004; February 27 (Best Theratronics), March 31 (MDS Nordion), 2009, May 29, 2009 (Best Theratronics), October 21, 2011; February 15, March 9, 2012; and March 5, 2014; and June 8, 2015.

FOR THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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