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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Exemptions

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of applicants for exemptions.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, exemptions from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials Regulations (49

CFR part 107, subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the applications described herein. Each mode of transportation for which a particular exemption is requested is indicated by a number in the "Nature of Application" portion of the table below as follows: 1—Motor vehicle, 2—Rail freight, 3—Cargo vessel, 4—Cargo aircraft only, 5—Passenger-carrying aircraft.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 20, 1998.

ADDRESS COMMENT TO: Dockets Unit, Research and Special Programs Administration, Room 8421, DHM-30, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in

triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the exemption application number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Copies of the applications (See Docket Number) are available for inspection at the New Docket Management Facility, PL-401, at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

This notice of receipt of applications for new exemptions is published in accordance with part 107 of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1806; 49 CFR 1.53(e)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 11, 1998.

J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,
Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals.

NEW EXEMPTIONS

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
12079-N	RSPA-1998-3920	ASAHI SEISAKUSHO CO., LTD, Saitama, 339-0078, Japan.	49 CFR 173.301(h), 173.302(a)(1), 173.305(a), 173.34(a)(1).	To authorize the manufacture, mark and sale of non-DOT specification cylinders comparable to a DOT specification 3AA for use as a scuba diving cylinder containing a Division 2.2 gas. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4)
12083-N	RSPA-1998-3934	Northern Indiana Fuel & Light Co., Inc., Auburn, IN.	49 CFR 173.29(a)	To authorize the bulk transportation in commerce of residual quantities of Class 3 material to be transported in specially designed tanks. (mode 1)
12084-N	RSPA-1998-3941	AlliedSignal Inc., Morristown, NJ.	49 CFR 173.34(e)(11)	To authorize an alternative schedule for retesting of DOT 4B, 4BA and 4BW cylinders used in transporting refrigerant gases and blends. (modes 1, 2, 3)
12086-N	RSPA-1998-3942	Yale University, New Haven, CT.	49 CFR 173.196(a)(ii)(b)	To authorize an alternative packaging for use in transporting used syringes classed as Infectious substances, Division 6.2. (mode 1)
12087-N	RSPA-1998-3943	LND, Inc., Fairfield, CT ...	49 CFR 172.101, Co. 9, 173.306, 175.3.	To authorize the manufacture, mark, and sale of non-DOT specification metal containers containing Boron Trifluoride, classed as 2.3 for use in radiation detectors. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
12088-N	RSPA-1998-3936	Westvaco, Richmond, VA	49 CFR 173, 177, 178 & 180.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of samples of hazardous materials in compatible containers as essentially unregulated. (mode 1)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Modification of Exemption

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of applications for modification of exemptions.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application

for, and the processing of, exemptions from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR part 107, subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the applications described herein. This notice is abbreviated to expedite docketing and public notice. Because the sections affected, modes of transportation, and the nature of application have been shown in earlier **Federal Register** publications, they are not repeated here. Requests for modifications of exemptions (e.g. to provide for additional hazardous materials, packaging design changes, additional mode of transportation, etc.) are described in footnotes to the

application number. Application numbers with the suffix "M" denote a modification request. These applications have been separated from the new applications for exemptions to facilitate processing.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 6, 1998.

ADDRESS COMMENTS TO: Dockets Unit, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the exemption number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Dockets Unit, Room 8426, Nassif

Building, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC.

MODIFICATION OF EXEMPTIONS

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Exemption
1862-M		Greer Hydraulics, Incorporated, Rockford, IL ¹	1862
8915-M		Advanced Silicon Materials, Inc., Moses Lake, WA ²	8915
10784-M		The United States Secret Service, Washington, DC ³	10784
11703-M		Walter Kidde Portable Equipment Company, Inc., Mebane, NC ⁴	11703
11725-M		Dynatherm Corporation, Hunt Valley, MD ⁵	11725

¹ To modify the exemption to provide for several design changes.

² To modify the exemption to provide for rail as an additional mode of transportation for transportation of Silane gas, 2.1.

³ To reissue an exemption originally issued on an emergency basis to authorize the shipment of first aid/trauma kits, containing oxygen in DOT Specification 3AA2015 cylinders, in the passenger compartment of commercial aircraft.

⁴ To modify the exemption to provide for passenger aircraft as an additional mode of transportation for use in transporting Division 2.2 materials.

⁵ To authorize party status and to authorize a similar non-DOT specification heat pipe assembly for shipment of certain liquefied and compressed gases.

This notice of receipt of applications for modification of exemptions is published in accordance with part 107 of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act 49 U.S.C. 1806; 49 CFR 1.53(e)).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33605]

J.K. Lines, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Line of The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

J.K. Lines, Inc. (JK), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire and operate approximately 2 miles of rail line, the track right-of-way, and certain adjacent real estate owned by The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF).¹ The line covers seven parcels extending from the end of BNSF's track in Joliette, ND, at milepost 179.55, south to the North Dakota Highway No. 5 right-of-way line, near milepost 177.44. J.K. Line will provide common carrier rail service on the involved line through a subcontractor.

¹ J.K. Line certifies that the projected revenues do exceed those that would qualify as Class III rail carrier.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after May 31, 1998.

If this notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33605, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Jeffrey O. Moreno, Donelan, Cleary, Wood & Maser, P.C., 1100 New York Ave., N.W., Suite 750, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: June 10, 1998.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33604]

Lone Star Railroad, Inc.—Acquisition Exemption—Union Pacific Railroad Company

Lone Star Railroad, Inc. (LSRI), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire through lease a Union Pacific Railroad Company rail line as follows:

all Abilene, TX yard tracks south of the Abilene wye track and south of the east-west main line, including the A&S Industrial Lead from milepost 0.0 to milepost 4.30, a distance of approximately 8.24 miles, at Abilene, Taylor County, TX.

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after May 26, 1998.

This proceeding is related to STB Finance Docket No. 33604 (Sub-No. 1), *Southern Switching Company—Operation Exemption—Lone Star Railroad, Inc.*, wherein Southern Switching Company (SSC), also a Class III rail carrier, has concurrently filed a notice of exemption to operate the Abilene line pursuant to an operating agreement with LSRI.¹

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke does not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33604, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Thomas F. McFarland, Jr., 20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 1330, Chicago, IL 60606-2902.

Decided: June 12, 1998.

¹ LSRI and SSC are commonly controlled by Gregory B. Cundiff. See *Gregory B. Cundiff—Continuance in Control Exemption—Lone Star Railroad, Inc. and Southern Switching Company*, Finance Docket No. 32501 (ICC served May 27, 1994).