

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Modification of exemption
8299-M .....	.....	Pacific Scientific, Duarte, CA (See Footnote 1) .....	8299
10555-M .....	.....	Pacific Scientific HTL/KIN-Tech Division, Durate, CA (See Footnote 2) .....	10555
11761-M .....	.....	Vulcan Chemicals, Birmingham, AL (See Footnote 3) .....	11761
11826-M .....	.....	Spectra Gases, Inc., Branchburg, NJ (See Footnote 4) .....	11826
12378-M .....	RSPA-1999-6568	Federal Express, Memphis, TN (See Footnote 5) .....	12378
12447-M .....	RSPA-2000-7236	Akzo Nobel Coatings, Inc., Norcross, GA (See Footnote 6) .....	12447
12448-M .....	RSPA-2000-7244	Onyx Environmental Services, L.L.C., Flanders, NJ (See Footnote 7) .....	12448

<sup>1</sup> To modify the exemption to increase the service life limit to 24 years of the non-DOT specification pressure vessels for the transportation of certain Division 2.2 compressed gases.

<sup>2</sup> To modify the exemption to allow for the transportation of an additional Division 2.2 material in an alternative non-DOT specification cylinder.

<sup>3</sup> To modify the exemption to eliminate the marking requirements of certain DOT specification and AAR specification tank cars containing a residue of Class 8 materials.

<sup>4</sup> To modify the exemption to authorize additional Division 2.2 materials transported in DOT-3AL aluminum cylinders.

<sup>5</sup> To modify the exemption to indicate applicability to companies under subcontract operating under exclusive use for Federal Express for the transportation in commerce of dry ice by cargo aircraft only.

<sup>6</sup> To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis authorizing the use of hazard warning labels that do not conform with the specifications in the HMR.

<sup>7</sup> To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis for the transportation of anhydrous ammonia in DOT specification cylinders.

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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 June 22, 2000.

**ADDRESS COMMENTS TO:** Records Center, 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 application number.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the applications (See Docket Number) are available for inspection at the New Docket Management Facility, PF-401, at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 or at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

This notice of receipt of applications for new exemptions is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

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**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
12452-N .....	RSPA-00-7237	CA Dept. of Health Services, Berkeley, CA.	49 CFR 173.196, 178.609	To authorize the transportation in commerce of biological specimens classed as infectious substance (Etiologic agent) in specially designed packagings inside mechanical freezers. (mode 1)
12454-N .....	RSPA-00-7322	Ethyl Corp., Richmond, VA.	49 CFR 180.509(1), 180.509(e).	To authorize an alternative testing method for DOT class 105 tank cars for use in transporting various classes of hazardous materials. (mode 2)
12455-N .....	RSPA-00-7320	United States Marine, Safety Association, Philadelphia, PA.	49 CFR 173.34(e) .....	To authorize an alternative testing period for 3A, 3AA and 3AL compressed gas cylinders installed in marine inflatable life rafts undergoing required annual service at a United States Coast Guard approved inflatable liferaft service facility. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4)

## NEW EXEMPTIONS—Continued

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
12457-N .....	RSPA-00-7371	Arch Chemicals, Inc., Norwalk, CN.	49 CFR 172.101(i)(3) Col. 8C.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of dry calcium hypochlorite mixture, Division 5.1, in DOT specification flexible intermediate bulk containers. (mode 1)
12460-N .....	RSPA-00-7355	M&M Service Company, Carinville, IL.	49 CFR 173.315(k) .....	To authorize the interstate transportation in commerce of a non-DOT specification tank built to MC 330 or MC 331 specifications for use in transporting propane, Division 2.1. (mode 1)

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

## Federal Law Enforcement Training Center

## Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Committee to the National Center for State and Local Law Enforcement Training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center will meet on June 7, 2000. The agenda for this meeting includes remarks by the Committee Co-Chairs, Karen Wehner, Deputy Assistant Secretary (LE), Department of the Treasury, and Mary Lou Leary, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; progress reports on initiatives and training programs; and presentations on collaborative programs presented by the National Center.

**ADDRESSES:** James J. Rowley Training Center, 9200 Powder Mill Road, Laurel, Maryland.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Hobart M. Henson, Director, National Center for State and Local Law Enforcement Training, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Glynco, GA 31524, 912-267-2322.

Dated: May 17, 2000.

**Hobart M. Henson,**

*Director, National Center for State and Local Law Enforcement Training.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

## Summary of Precedent Opinions of the General Counsel

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is publishing a summary of legal interpretations issued by the Department's General Counsel involving veterans' benefits under laws administered by VA. These interpretations are considered precedential by VA and will be followed by VA officials and employees in future claim matters. The summary is published to provide the public, and, in particular, veterans' benefit claimants and their representatives, with notice of VA's interpretation regarding the legal matter at issue.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jane L. Lehman, Chief, Law Library, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-6558.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** VA regulations at 38 CFR 2.6(e)(9) and 14.507 authorize the Department's General Counsel to issue written legal opinions having precedential effect in adjudications and appeals involving veterans' benefits under laws administered by VA. The General Counsel's interpretations on legal matters, contained in such opinions, are conclusive as to all VA officials and employees not only in the matter at issue but also in future adjudications and appeals, in the absence of a change in controlling statute or regulation or a superseding written legal opinion of the General Counsel.

VA publishes summaries of such opinions in order to provide the public with notice of those interpretations of the General Counsel that must be followed in future benefit matters and to assist veterans' benefit claimants and their representatives in the prosecution of benefit claims. The full text of such

opinions, with personal identifiers deleted, may be obtained by contacting the VA official named above.

## New Precedent Opinions

## VAOPGCPREC 01-2000

## Question Presented

a. Is the last sentence of 38 CFR 3.272(h) consistent with 38 U.S.C. 1503(a)(3) in providing that expenses of a veteran's last illness paid by a surviving spouse subsequent to the veteran's death, but prior to the date of entitlement to improved death pension, may not be excluded from countable income for the purpose of determining death pension entitlement?

b. If so: (1) What is the basis for the differing treatment accorded by section 3.272(h) to expenses paid prior to the date of death and those paid after the date of death but before the date of entitlement; and, (2) does Congress' intent in enacting Pub. L. No. 98-369 to limit retroactive payments of pension in the case of claimants who file claims more than 45 days after the date of a veteran's death provide an adequate basis for prohibiting consideration of expenses in determining prospective entitlement for the period following the date of claim?

## Held

a. The last sentence of 38 CFR 3.272(h) is inconsistent with 38 U.S.C. 1503(a)(3) in providing that expenses of a veteran's last illness paid by the veteran's surviving spouse subsequent to the veteran's death, but prior to the date of the surviving spouse's entitlement to death pension, may not be deducted from countable income for the purpose of determining entitlement to improved death pension. VA may not rely upon the last sentence of 38 CFR 3.272(h) as a basis for denying a death pension claim or reducing the amount of benefits payable.

b. (1) There is no basis for the differing treatment currently accorded under 38 CFR 3.272(h) for expenses of a veteran's last illness paid prior to the