Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Modification of exemption
12580–M	RSPA–2000–8386	Matheson Tri-Gas, East Rutherford, NJ (See Footnote 17)	12580
12595–M	RSPA–2001–8643	Marsulex, Inc., Toledo, OH (See Footnote 18)	12595

(1) To modify the exemption to authorize the use of plastic pallets for the loading of polyethylene drums or composite packagings transporting certain Division 6.1 materials.
(2) To modify the exemption to revise Flight Plan language in Section 7.h. of the exemption to apply to flights inside the United States only.
(3) To modify the exemption to update drawing configurations of the non-DOT specification cylinder pertaining to a self-inflating life raft for shipment of Division 2.2 and Class 9 materials.
(4) To modify the exemption to authorize cargo and passenger-carrying aircraft as additional modes of transportation for Division 2.2 materials in a non-DOT specification container.
(5) To modify the exemption to authorize the transportation of Bromine, Class 8 (6.1) in tank cars to remain standing with unloading connections attached when no product is being transferred.
(6) To modify the exemption to authorize various changes to the packaging and safety control measures for the transportation of ethylene oxide packaged in aluminum cartridges within a fiberboard box.
(7) To modify the exemption to allow for the transportation of additional Division 2.2 materials in non-DOT specification fiber reinforced plastic full composite cylinders.
(8) To modify the exemption to allow for a design change of the non-DOT specification titanium alloy cylinder for the transportation of Division 2.2 materials.
(9) To modify the exemption to authorize additional relief of the testing requirements of the non-DOT specification metal aerosol containers.
(10) To modify the exemption to authorize an increase in the container and burst pressure; allow for the transportation of Division 2.1 materials in non-DOT specification cylinders.
(11) To modify the exemption to authorize the use of an additional specification tank care with increased wall thickness for the transportation of Division 6.1 materials.
(12) To modify the exemption to authorize a change to the maximum operating pressure and volume of non-DOT specification cylinders used for oil well sampling.
(13) To modify the exemption to allow for a design change to use openings in the sidewall for filling the pressure vessel, used as a component of an automobile safety system.
(14) To modify the exemption to allow for the transportation of additional Division 4.3 materials in a non-DOT specification portable tank.
(15) To modify the exemption to authorize 3T, 3AAX and 3AX cylinders as additional packagings for the transportation of Division 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 materials; and changes to the operational controls concerning pressure and temperature monitoring.
(16) To modify the exemption to allow for the use of the Barber S–2–HD model truck for the transportation of Class 8 materials in DOT Specification 111S100W–2 tank cars.
(17) To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis for certain non-DOT specification foreign cylinders which are charged for export only transporting certain Division 4.3 materials.
(18) To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis for the transportation of sulfur dioxide in a tank car using Division 2.3 international placards.

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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 March 28, 2001.

ADDRESSES: 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, PL–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)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 20, 2001.

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
12622–N	RSPA–01–8831	Atlantic Research Corporation; Knoxville, TN.	49 CFR 172.200, 172.500.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of Division 1.3C, 1.4C and 2.2 airbags without the required shipping papers and placarding. (mode 1)
12623–N	RSPA–01–8829	General Chemical Corporation, Parsippany, NJ.	49 CFR 174.67(i) & (j)	To authorize rail cars to remain connected while standing without the physical presence of an unloader. (mode 2)

NEW EXEMPTIONS—Continued

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
12625–N	RSPA–01–8830	Smart-Hose Technologies, Inc. Philadelphia, PA.	49 CFR 177.834	To authorize cargo tank motor vehicles to remain connected while standing without the physical presence of an unloader. (mode 1)
12626–N	RSPA–01–8851	SMI Companies Franklin, LA.	49 CFR 173.243(c)	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale and use of non-DOT specification steel portable tanks equipped with external bottom discharge valves for use in transporting Class 8 material. (modes 1, 3)
12629–N	RSPA–01–8853	Western Sales & Testing of Amarillo, Inc. Amarillo, TX.	49 CFR 173.34(e)	To authorize an alternative method of retest for DOT 3A, 3AA, 3AAX and 3T compressed gas cylinders for use in transporting liquified or nonliquefied compressed gases, or mixtures as presently authorized. (modes 1, 2, 3)
12630–N	RSPA–01–8850	Chemetall GmbH Gesellschaft Langelsheim, DE.	49 CFR 172.102(a)(2) & (c)(7)(ii).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of lithium alkyls, Divisions 4.2, in non-DOT specification IM 101 portable tanks with an equivalent minimum shell thickness less than that prescribed for the material. (modes 1, 2, 3)
12631–N	RSPA–01–8849	Precision Medical Northhampton, PA.	49 CFR 178.57(d)	To authorize the transportation is commerce of a portable cryogenic cylinder containing oxygen, Division 2.2 (mode 1)
12634–N	RSPA–01–8913	Norman International Los Angeles, CA.	49 CFR 173.12(b)(2)	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale and use of a corrugated fiberboard box as the outer packaging for lab pack applications in accordance with Section 173.12(b). (modes 1, 2)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Quarterly IRS Interest Rates Used in Calculating Interest on Overdue Accounts and Refunds on Customs Duties

AGENCY: Customs Service, Treasury.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public of the quarterly Internal Revenue Service interest rates used to calculate interest on overdue accounts (underpayments) and refunds (overpayments) of Customs duties. For the quarter beginning January 1, 2001, the interest rates for overpayments will be 8 percent for corporations and 9 percent for non-corporations, and the interest rate for underpayments will be 9 percent. This notice is published for the convenience of the importing public and Customs personnel.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald Wyman, Accounting Services Division, Accounts Receivable Group, 6026 Lakeside Boulevard, Indianapolis, Indiana 46278, (317) 298–1200, extension 1349.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1505 and Treasury Decision 85–93, published in the **Federal Register** on May 29, 1985 (50 FR 21832), the interest rate paid on applicable overpayments or underpayments of Customs duties shall be in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code rate established under 26 U.S.C. 6621 and 6622. Section 6621 was amended (at paragraph (a)(1)(B) by the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105–206, 112 Stat. 685) to provide different interest rates applicable to overpayments: one for corporations and one for non-corporations.

The interest rates are based on the short-term Federal rate and determined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury on a quarterly basis. The rates effective for a quarter are determined during the first-month period of the previous quarter.

In Revenue Ruling 2000–57 (*see*, 2000–50 IRB 579, dated December 11, 2000), the IRS determined the rates of interest for the second quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2001 (the period of January 1–March 31, 2001). The interest rate paid to the Treasury for underpayments will be the short-term Federal rate (6%) plus three percentage points (3%) for a total of nine percent (9%). For corporate overpayments, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (6%) plus two percentage points (2%) for a total of eight percent (8%). For overpayments made by non-corporations, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (6%) plus three percentage points (3%) for a total of nine percent (9%). These interest rates are subject to change the third quarter of FY–2001 (the period of April 1–June 30, 2001).

For the convenience of the importing public and Customs personnel the following list of IRS interest rates used, covering the period from before July of 1974 to date, to calculate interest on overdue accounts and refunds of Customs duties, is published in summary format.