SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Public Knowledge of Highway Programs.

Background: Following a study performed under the DOT Small Business Innovative Research initiative, the FHWA plans to test some of the proposed ideas for increasing public education and awareness of various highway programs. These include involvement of the public early in the planning process by disseminating accurate and understandable information through a combination of Web sites and regular updates sent to local media, schools and colleges. We do not anticipate using every method in all instances, but will use a series of small-scale demonstrations to evaluate the effectiveness of each approach. Respondents will be asked for views and opinions about any local FHWA initiatives by using media coverage of local projects, Web site information, local mass mailings, or coverage on local cable television channels. We anticipate making maximum use of webbased e-learning and visualization technologies to present the information. We will evaluate which approaches are best.

Respondents: Approximately 200, including the general public, metropolitan planning organizations, various state transportation departments, local/municipal planning departments, schools and colleges.

Frequency: This is a one-time survey for the purposes of this study only.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 30 minutes per questionnaire. Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 100.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and

clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burdens could be minimized, including use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Electronic Access: Internet users may access all comments received by the U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, by using the universal resource locator (URL): http://dms.dot.gov. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Please follow the instructions online for more information and help. An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded using a modem and suitable communications software from the Government Printing Office Electronic Bulletin Board Service at telephone number 202-512-1661. Internet users may reach the Federal **Register's** home page at http:// www.nara.gov/fedreg and the Government Printing Office's database at http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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James R. Kabel,

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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

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 22, 2002.

aircraft.

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: 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)).

Dated: Issued in Washington, DC, on March 15, 2002.

R. Ryan Posten,

Exemptions Program Officer, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals.

NEW EXEMPTIONS

| Application No. | Docket No. | Applicant | Regulation(s) affected | Nature of exemption thereof |
|-----------------|------------|---|---|--|
| 12941–N | | The Neiman Marcus Group, Longview, TX. | 49 CFR 172, subparts C, D, E. | To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain limited quantities of class 3 material that meet the definition of "consumer commodities" to be transported without marking, labeling and shipping papers. (Modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.) |
| 12943–N | | Nitrochem LLC, Newell, PA. | 49 CFR 172.203(a), 173.31(c)(1), 179.13. | To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain Class 8 materials in DOT Class 120J tank cars with a maximum gross weight on rail greater than 263,000 pounds but not greater than 286,000 pounds. (Mode 2.) |
| 12944–N | | Wabash Alloys, L.L.C., Wabash, IN. | 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 |
|-----------------|---------------|--|---|--|
| 12945–N | | Duratek, Columbia, SC | 49 CFR 173.403, 173.427. | To authorize the one-time transportation in commerce of one pressurizer and five steam generators to be classed as surface contaminated objects with radioactive material, Class 7. (Modes 1, 3.) |
| 12946–N | | Baker Atlas, Houston, TX | 49 CFR 173.304, 173.40 | To authorize the one-time transportation in commerce of 60 non-DOT specification cylinders for disposal containing chlorine trifluoride, Division 2.3, subsidiary hazards 5.1, 8 PIH Zone B. (Mode 1.) |
| 12949–N | | Railway Progress Institute, Inc., Alexandria, VA. | 49 CFR 172.302(c), 173.203(a), 173.22(a) & (b), 179.100–20(a), 179.200–24(a) & (b), 179.201–10(a), 179.220–25. | To authorize the transportation in commerce of rail cars with alternative specification plates for use in transporting various hazardous materials. (Mode 2.) |
| 12950-N | | Walnut Industries, Inc., Bensalem, PA. | 49 CFR 172.203(a), 172.301(c), 176.76(a)(4). | To authorize the manufacture, marking, sale and use of metal or plastic 55 gallon drums of various hazardous materials overpacked in freight container of transport vehicle using a fabric restraint dunnage system. (Mode 3.) |
| 12951–N | | Borden Chemical Co., Missoula, MT. | 49 CFR 174.67(i) & (j) | To authorize rail cars to remain connected while standing without the physical presence of an unloader. (Mode 2.) |
| 12953–N | RSPA-02-11835 | Westinghouse Electric Company, Pittsburgh, PA. | 49 CFR 173.453(d) | To authorize the transportation in commerce of packages of fissile material that exceed the quantities presently authorized. (Modes 1, 2.) |
| 12955–N | | Air Cruisers Company, Belmar, NJ. | 49 CFR 172.301(c), 173.219(b)(1). | To authorize the transportation in commerce of life-saving appliances containing a compressed gas cylinder that is filled in excess of its marked service pressure. (Modes 1, 4, 5.) |
| 12956–N | RSPA-02-11834 | Frazee Industries, Incorporated, San Diego, CA. | 49 CFR 172.200 | To authorize the transportation in commerce of combination packagings of 1 gallon and 5 gallon steel containers without overpac or shipping papers from the manufacturing facility to the distribution center. (Mode 1.) |
| 12960-N | RSPA-02-11832 | International Fuel Cells, South Windsor, CT. | 49 CFR 172.200, 172.300, 172.400. | To authorize the transportation in commerce of fuel cells containing small amount of hazardous materials to be shipped without being subject to the HMR. (Modes 1, 4.) |

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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 April 5, 2002.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC or at http://dms.dot.gov.

This notice of receipt of applications for modification of 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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R. Ryan Posten,

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