

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Copies of the application are available for inspection in the Dockets Unit, Room 8426, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC.

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 November 15, 1996.

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

NEW EXEMPTIONS

Application No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
11777-N	Morton International, Automotive Safety Products Ogden, UT.	49 CFR 173.301(h), 173.302, 173.306(d)(3).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain cartridges, power devices classed as Division 1.4S and airbag inflators or airbag modules classed as Division 4.1 or Class 9 exempt from the marking and labelling requirements. (modes 1, 4)
11778-N	National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA), Washington, DC.	49 CFR 173.304(a)(2)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of the Faint Object Spectrograph, which contains compressed and liquidified gases in non-DOT specification containers. (modes 1, 4)
11779-N	Columbia Helicopters, Inc., Portland, OR.	49 CFR 173.202, 173.24(c)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of gasoline, Class 3, in UL approved non-bulk polyethylene containers in support of log-cutting operation. (mode 1)
11780-N	Hewlett-Packard Co., Washington, DC.	49 CFR 173.304(a)(2), 175.3	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain x-ray systems containing sulfur hexafluoride, Division 2.2. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
11781-N	USA Jet Airlines, Belleville, MI	49 CFR 171.11, 172.101, 172.204(c)(3), 173.27, 175.30(a)(1), 175.320(b).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of Class 1 explosives that are not permitted for shipment by air or in quantities greater than those prescribed. (mode 4)
11782-N	Aeronex, Inc., San Diego, CA	49 CFR 173.212	To authorize the transportation in commerce of non-specification cylinders constructed of 316L stainless steel for use in transporting a Division 4.2 material. (mode 1)
11786-N	Dow Corning Corp. Midland, MI.	49 CFR 174.67(i) & (j)	To authorize tank cars to remain connected during unloading of various hazardous materials without the physical presence of an unloader. (mode 2)

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Surface Transportation Board

Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from Steptoe & Johnson on behalf of Koch Pipeline Company (WB511-11/8/96), for permission to use certain data from the Board's Carload Waybill Samples. A copy of the request may be obtained from the Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.8.

Contact: James A. Nash, (202) 927-6196.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

[T.D. 96-79]

Announcement of Suspension of Collection of Special Tonnage Taxes and Light Money Upon Entry Into the United States of Vessels of Ukraine

AGENCY: U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the United States has determined that the Government of Ukraine has ceased discriminating against vessels of the United States in the collection of certain fees and taxes from such vessels which enter that country. As a consequence, it has become possible to suspend the collection of special tonnage taxes and light money from vessels of Ukraine upon entering United States ports.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The change discussed in this notice became effective on November 14, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry L. Burton, Office of Regulations and Rulings (202) 482-7040.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Generally, the United States imposes regular and special tonnage taxes, and a duty of a specified amount per ton denominated "light money", on all foreign vessels which enter United States ports (46 U.S.C. App. 121 and 128). Vessels of a foreign nation may, however, be exempted from the payment of such special tonnage taxes and light money upon presentation of satisfactory proof that no discriminatory duties of tonnage or impost are imposed by that foreign nation on United States vessels or their cargoes (46 U.S.C. App. 141). The list of nations whose vessels have been found to be reciprocally exempt from the payment of any higher tonnage duties than are applicable to vessels of the United States and from the payment of light money is found at § 4.22, Customs Regulations (19 CFR 4.22). Nations granted these commercial privileges that subsequently impose discriminatory duties are subject to retaliatory suspension of the commercial privileges (46 U.S.C. App. 141 and 142).

The list of countries in 19 CFR 4.22 is compiled as the result of international agreements between the United States and the governments of those nations listed. Customs either adds or deletes

the names of countries only upon the request of the Department of State. The present list includes the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) and, following the dissolution of that country, Customs was guided by a policy determination of the Department of State which holds that absent a separate agreement to the contrary, the states emerging from the break-up of the USSR take the same rights and obligations as existed for the USSR.

By a letter received on September 16, 1996, Customs was informed by the Department of State that the Government of Ukraine was assessing discriminatory tonnage fees against vessels of the United States which enter at Ukrainian ports. As a consequence, the Department of State requested that action be taken to end the exemption from the assessment of special tonnage taxes and light money extended to Ukrainian vessels entering United States ports. Normally, Customs would be supplied with the names of countries to add to or delete from the regulatory list, but since discussion with other former Soviet states was on-going, it was determined to issue a non-amendatory notice by which to limit the exemption privilege by excluding Ukraine. The Department of State informed Customs that upon the conclusion of necessary discussions, Customs would be formally requested to add the names of certain countries to 19 CFR 4.22, and to delete the USSR from the regulation.

Therefore, effective immediately upon publication of a September 26, 1996, General Notice, vessels of Ukraine entering ports of the United States were no longer exempted from the assessment of special tonnage taxes and light money. Special tonnage taxes and light money in the amounts authorized under law were collected on all such vessels.

Customs has now been informed by the Department of State that appropriate written assurances have been supplied by the Government of Ukraine, indicating that vessels of the United States will be accorded the treatment called for under the Maritime Agreement which expired in December of 1995. Accordingly, it has been requested by the Department of State that for a period of thirty days from the date of notification to the Customs Service, vessels of Ukraine have restored to them the statutory exemption from the collection of special tonnage taxes and light money.

Therefore, effective immediately upon publication of this General Notice, and for a period of thirty calendar days which will expire on December 14, 1996, vessels documented under the laws of Ukraine are exempted from the collection of special tonnage taxes and light money.

Dated: November 15, 1996.
Stuart P. Seidel,
*Assistant Commissioner, Office of
Regulations and Rulings*
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Office of Thrift Supervision

[AC-53; OTS No. 5120]

First Federal Savings Bank of America, Fall River, MA; Approval of Conversion Application

Notice is hereby given that on November 12, 1996, the Director, Corporate Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of First Federal Savings Bank of America, Fall River, Massachusetts, to convert to the

stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, and the Northeast Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 10 Exchange Place, 18th Floor, Jersey City, New Jersey 07302.

Dated: November 15, 1996.
By the Office of Thrift Supervision.
Nadine Y. Washington,
Corporate Secretary.
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[AC-52; OTS No. 2897]

Investors Federal Bank and Savings Association, Chillicothe, MO; Approval of Conversion Application

Notice is hereby given that on November 8, 1996, the Director, Corporate Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of Investors Federal Bank and Savings Association, Chillicothe, Missouri, to convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20552, and the Midwest Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 122 W. John Carpenter Freeway, Suite 600, Irving, Texas 75039-2010.

Dated: November 15, 1996.
By the Office of Thrift Supervision.
Nadine Y. Washington,
Corporate Secretary.
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