

Incorporated a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of the Federal safety laws and regulations. The petition is described below, including the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

Trinity Industries, Incorporated

Docket Number: SA-96-5

Trinity Industries, Incorporated seeks a waiver of compliance from certain sections of Title 49 CFR Part 231, Railroad Safety Appliance Standards. Trinity is requesting a permanent waiver of the provisions of 49 CFR 231.21(b)(2) and 231.21(j)(2)(vi) requiring that platforms be of a minimum thickness of one and three-quarter inches. Trinity requests that this requirement be waived and instead requirements similar to those found at section 231.1(c)(4)(iii) be applied.

Section 231.1(c)(4)(iii) refers to running boards and requires that they be made of wood or material which provides the same as or a greater degree of safety than wood of 1 1/8 inches thickness. When made of material other than wood, the tread surface shall be of anti-skid design and constructed with sufficient open space to permit the elimination of snow and ice from the tread surface.

The requirements of 49 CFR 231.21 refers to Tank Cars Without Underframes. Section 231.21(b) requires that there be two end platforms with a minimum width of 10 inches and a minimum thickness of 1 3/4 inches. Section 231.21(j) requires that there be one operating platform with a minimum width of 7 inches and a minimum thickness of 1 3/4 inches.

Trinity advised that the typical construction of platforms by them and other manufacturers for tank cars without underframes is to construct a frame of members 2 to 3 inches deep with cross support members. A grating meeting the requirements of section 231.1 (c)(4)(iii) is secured to the cross supports with bolts or rivets not less than 1/2-inch diameter.

The interest in this change stems from the basic operations of Trinity, which is manufacturing, leasing and repairing of railroad cars. This waiver would permit them to use grating designs of the same style and thickness on tank cars without underframes as used on other types of railroad cars. Trinity claims the option to use a thinner grating on platforms would allow greater flexibility in design and construction but would still maintain or exceed the existing levels of strength and safety.

Trinity contends that the platform thickness requirements for all car types, except tank cars without underframes, can be met with a component of any thickness so long as it provides the same degree of safety as wood 1 1/8-inch thickness. Running boards and end platforms meeting this requirement have been used on other car types for many years and have been considered to be safe. Trinity further states that the basic use and function of running boards and platforms are identical. That is, they afford a place for a person to walk, stand, or cross over the car and in some instances may require a person to kneel or sit in order to perform inspection of valves, etc.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket No. SA-96-5) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) at FRA's temporary docket room located at 1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Room 7051, Washington, D.C. 20005.

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Phil Olekszyk,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Compliance and Program Implementation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) hereby gives notice that it has sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review an information collection titled (MA)—Securities Exchange Act Disclosure Rules (12 CFR 11). The OCC may not conduct or sponsor, and respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed revisions to the following collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the OCC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the OCC's estimate of the burden of the information collection as it is proposed to be revised, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

DATES: Comments regarding this information collection are welcome and should be submitted to the OMB Reviewer and the OCC Contact. Comments are due on or before January 16, 1997.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the submission may be obtained by calling the OCC Contact listed.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Number: 1557-0106.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular.

Title: (MA)—Securities Exchange Act Disclosure Rules (12 CFR 11).

Description: The OCC's regulations in 12 CFR Part 11 ensure that publicly-owned national banks provide adequate information about their operation to current and potential shareholders,

depositors, and to the public. The OCC reviews the information to ensure that it complies with Federal law and makes public all information required to be filed under these rules. Investors, depositors, and the public use the information to make informed investment decisions.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit; individuals.

Number of Respondents: 131.

Total Annual Responses: 636.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 5,360.

OCC Contact: Jessie Gates, OCC Clearance Officer, or Dionne Walsh, (202) 874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division (Attention: 1557-0106), Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander Hunt, (202) 395-7340, Paperwork Reduction Project 1557-0106, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: December 11, 1996.

Karen Solomon,

Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy; Meeting

AGENCY: United States Information Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy will be held on December 18 in Room 566, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington DC from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The Commission will participate in a Digital Video Conference with Bonn Charge J.D. Bindenagel and Public Affairs Officer, Robert L. Earle, U.S. Embassy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Please call Betty Hayes, (202) 619-4468, if you are interested in attending the meeting. Space is limited and entrance to the building is controlled.

Dated: December 12, 1996.

Rose Royal,

Management Analyst, Federal Register Liaison.

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