

major manufacturers involving low material or labor costs. However, for small manufacturers, the costs in terms of labor, and to a lesser extent, material will be somewhat greater. Labels are a standard part of fluid containers, even in the absence of a federal requirement for adding information to the containers. Thus, the added information required by the Standard would be added to the label already existing on the container. Thus the only cost is for adding the required information to an existing label. Typically such labels are silk-screened onto a label material. Thus, the added information to a label would be some small part of the total cost of the silk-screen process used for the production of the label.

The cost estimate for the total annualized costs to the respondent for the incremental aspect of adding this information to the printing cost of an existing label may be derived as follows:

- (1) Estimate of the number of respondents—200
- (2) Estimate of the number of different types of labels per respondent—24
- (3) Technical burden-hours required to design the layout of a label that includes the incrementally added information—8
- (4) Number of hours of label design for all respondents—38,400

- (5) Average annual label design hours assuming a 5 year label redesign cycle—7,680
- (6) Annual label design cost assuming \$37.50 hourly wage—\$288,000
- (7) Annual cost of incrementally added ink for label production (@ \$400 per respondent)—\$80,000
- (8) Total annual cost of added information on label (#6+#7)—\$368,000

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506(c); delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.

Dated: October 14, 1997.

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Acting Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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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 November 19, 1997.

ADDRESS COMMENTS TO: Dockets Unit, Research and Special Programs Administration, Room 8421, DHM-30, 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.

NEW EXEMPTIONS

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
11965-N ..	RSPA-97-2989	J.R. Simplot Company, Edison, CA.	49 CFR 174.67(i) & (j).	To authorize tank cars to remain connected during unloading of Class 8 material without the physical presence of an unloader. (Mode 2.)
11966-N ..	RSPA-97-2990	FMC Corporation, Philadelphia, PA.	49 CFR 173.31(b)(6)(i).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of DOT 111A-60A1W2 aluminum tank cars equipped with half head shields instead of full for use in transporting Hydrogen peroxide aqueous solutions, Division 5.1. (Mode 2.)
11967-N ..	RSPA-97-2991	Savage Industries Inc., Norristown, PA.	49 CFR 174.67(i) & (j).	To authorize tank cars to remain connected during unloading of various hazardous materials to remain connected during unloading without the physical presence of an unloader. (Mode 2.)
11968-N ..	RSPA-97-2992	Air Liquide America Corp., Houston, TX.	49 CFR 177.834(i)(3)	To authorize the unloading of Division 2.1 and 2.2 material from DOT Specification cargo tanks without the physical presence of an unloader. (Mode 1)
11970-N	RSPA-97-2993	Exxon Chemical, Inc., Baytown, TX.	49 CFR 172.101, 178.245-1(c).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of DOT-Specification 51 portable tanks equipped with a bottom outlet and no internal shutoff valve for use in transporting pyrophoric solids, inorganic, n.o.s., Division 4.2. (Modes 1, 2, 3.)
11971-N ..	RSPA-97-2994	Regional Airline Assoc., Washington, DC.	49 CFR 173.34(e)	To authorize an alternative retesting procedure for Specification 4DA and 4DS hermetically sealed cylinders which serves as components of aircraft systems. (Modes 1, 2.)
11972-N ..	RSPA-97-2996	Snaketan, Woodland, CA.	49 CFR 172.411, 172.448, 172.519, 173.118.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of small quantities of hazardous materials as essentially non-regulated. (Mode 1.)

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. 1804; 49 CFR 1.53(e)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 10, 1997.

J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Modification of Exemptions

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 November 4, 1997.

ADDRESS COMMENTS TO: Dockets Unit, 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 number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Dockets Unit, Room 8426, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC.

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Modification of exemption
11344-M	E.I. DuPont, Wilmington, DE (See Footnote 1)	11344
11956-M	RSPA-97-2988	Scott Aviation, Lancaster, NY (See Footnote 2)	11956

¹ To modify the exemption to provide for tank cars, containing chlorine, Division 2.3, to remain standing with unloading connections attached without the physical presence of an unloader.

² To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis for protective breathing equipment (PBE), containing chemical oxygen generators which utilize special integral packaging as a secondary means of preventing actuation.

This notice of receipt of applications for modification of exemptions is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1806; 49 CFR 1.53(e)).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Meetings of Pipeline Safety Advisory Committees

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 1) notice is hereby given of the following meetings of the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (THLPSSC) and the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (TPSSC). Each Committee meeting, as well as a

joint session of the two Committees, will be held at the Adams Mark Hotel, 2900 Briarpark Drive at Westheimer, Houston, TX 77042.

On November 18, 1997, at 9:00 a.m., the THLPSSC will meet. OPS will discuss current regulatory activities, and the THLPSSC will review the following OPS proposed rulemakings: (1) Incorporation by Reference of Industry Standard on Leak Detection; (2) Risk-Based Alternative to Pressure Testing Rule; and (3) Adoption of Industry Standards for Breakout Tanks. Part of the Advisory Committee's function is to discuss OPS proposed rulemakings and assess, by vote, if the rulemaking is feasible, reasonable, and practicable.

On November 18, 1997 at 1:00 p.m., the THLPSSC will be joined by members of the TPSSC for a joint session in which OPS will provide a brief update on major OPS activities. However, this session will focus on the issue of cost-benefit analysis. Topics of discussion will include: (1) A description of the approach to cost-benefit analysis by both OPS and the pipeline industry; and (2) the role of the Advisory Committees in reviewing cost benefit in their review of OPS

rulemakings, in accordance with the Accountable Pipeline Safety and Partnership Act of 1996.

OPS will hold a public meeting on risk management in conjunction with the Technical Advisory Committee meetings on the morning of November 19, 1997, from 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 noon. OPS announced this meeting in a **Federal Register** notice (62 FR 50654), published on September 26, 1997. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an update on the Risk Management Demonstration Program and to receive input on the progress of the Demonstration Program thus far and on the specific demonstration projects under review.

On November 19, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. the TPSSC will meet. Although this committee will not be voting on any OPS proposed rulemakings, brief updates of OPS regulatory activities will be provided by OPS staff.

Each meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public may present oral statements on the topics. Due to the limited time available, each person who wants to make an oral statement must notify Peggy Thompson, Room 2335, Department of