

This is our first finding under section 202(t) of the Social Security Act for the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Before February 1994, the United States did not recognize the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as an independent nation. At that time, it was considered part of the former Yugoslavia which, on March 25, 1959, had been found to have a system that met section 202(t)(2) of the Social Security Act. Thus, prior to February 1994, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia citizens were afforded the social insurance exception to the alien nonpayment provision based on the determination which was then in effect for Yugoslavia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donna Powers, Room 1104, West High Rise Building, P.O. Box 17741, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235, (410) 965-3568.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: Program Nos. 96.001 Social Security—Disability Insurance; 96.002 Social Security—Retirement Insurance; 96.004 Social Security—Survivors Insurance)

Dated: January 28, 1997.

James A. Kissko,

Associate Commissioner for International Policy.

[FR Doc. 97-2754 Filed 2-4-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4190-29-P

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[CGD8-96-060]

Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee Ports and Waterways Safety Systems ad hoc Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings location change.

SUMMARY: The Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee Ports and Waterways Safety System ad hoc Committee will hold 7 meetings to develop a baseline Vessel Traffic Service system for the Lower Mississippi river area. The meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: The meetings will be held from 9 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 1997, Thursday, February 20, 1997, Friday, March 7, 1997, Friday, March 21, 1997, Wednesday April 2, 1997, Thursday, April 17, 1997 and Tuesday, April 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meetings location has changed. The new location will be the

23rd floor boardroom of Tidewater Marine Inc., 1440 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Monty Ledet, USCG, Administrator, Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee, c/o Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District (m), Room 1341, Hale Boggs Federal Building, 501 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA 70130-3396, telephone (504) 589-4686.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings are given pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 section 1 *et seq.* The meetings are open to the public. Members of the public are encouraged to provide oral or written comments to a committee representative in advance of the meeting. Due to time constraints, only written comments will be received during a meeting. Written comments presented during a meeting will be submitted for consideration at the next meeting.

The agenda for the meeting consists of the following items:

- (1) Presentation of the committee charter.
- (2) Review of previous meeting minutes.
- (3) Committee discussions.
- (4) Adjournment.

INFORMATION ON SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES: For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the Committee Administrator as soon as possible.

Dated: January 27, 1997.

T.W. Josiah,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.

[FR Doc. 97-2783 Filed 2-4-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-14-M

[CGD 97-007]

Minimum Requirements and Capabilities for Vessel Traffic Services

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is undertaking an effort to identify the minimum requirements and capabilities a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) must have to serve its wide range of users and to develop criteria to identify ports requiring a VTS. This effort will form the basis for the Coast Guard to propose to Congress a viable production program for a VTS that takes advantage of available, off-the-shelf and open architecture systems that are

inexpensive and easy to build and operate. The Coast Guard has invited representatives of maritime and environmental organizations and members of the public to provide input on these topics. The first public meeting on these topics was held on January 15, 1997. Several additional public meetings are planned.

DATES: The Coast Guard will sponsor a public meeting to be held on February 11, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Marine Board, National Academy of Sciences Foundry Building, 1055 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW, Washington, DC, in room 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on VTS, contact Mike Sollosi, U.S. Coast Guard Office of Vessel Traffic Management, 2100 2nd Street, SW, Washington DC. Telephone (202) 267-1539, FAX (202) 267-4826. For information on the meeting, contact Peter Johnson, Marine Board, National Academy of Sciences, 2001 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Telephone (202) 334-3157, FAX (202) 334-3789.

Dated: January 28, 1997.

J.C. Card,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commander for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

[FR Doc. 97-2866 Filed 2-4-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-14-M

Research and Special Programs Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Modification of Exemptions or Applications To Become a Party to an Exemption

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of applications for modification of exemptions or applications to become a party to an exemption.

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. Application numbers with the suffix "P" denote a party to request. These applications

have been separated from the new applications for exemptions to facilitate processing.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 20, 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 CONTACT:

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

Application No.	Applicant	Renewal of exemption
7517-M	Trinity Industries, Inc., Dallas, TX (See Footnote 1)	7517
7879-M	Halliburton Energy services, Duncan, OK (See Footnote 2)	7879
11260-M	Texas Instruments Inc., Attleboro, MA (See Footnote 3)	11260
11267-M	TOPAZ International Program, Albuquerque, NM (See Footnote 4)	11267
11504-M	Livonia Avon & Lakeville Railroad Corp., Cohocton, NY (See Footnote 5)	11504
11580-M	The Columbiana Boiler Co., Columbiana, OH (See Footnote 6)	11580
11666-M	The Carbide/Graphite Group, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA (See Footnote 7)	11666
11804-M	Advertising Unlimited, Inc., Red Wing, MN (See Footnote 8)	11804

(1) To modify the exemption to allow for new construction of fusion welded multi-unit tank car tanks for use in transporting Division 2.2 material.

(2) To modify the exemption to provide for technical changes to the 3" non-DOT specification seamless cylinders used for transport of bromine trifluoride.

(3) To modify the exemption to provide for passenger aircraft as an additional mode of transportation for transporting certain low pressure air-bag switches containing limited quantities of argon, compressed.

(4) To authorize the emergency modification to provide for an additional specially designed metal container used to transport a Topaz II space power unit containing Division 4.1 and 4.1 solid substances.

(5) To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis to authorize the transportation of certain Class 8 and Division 2.2 material separated from an occupied locomotive with batteries disconnected and in tow.

(6) To modify the exemption to provide for various technical and administrative changes and to authorize the transportation by water as an additional mode.

(7) To modify the exemption to allow stacking of green graphite electrodes and shapes two or more levels high in bulk packaging strapped to wooden pallets on an open flat truck bed.

(8) To reissue an exemption issued on an emergency basis to authorize shipment of certain specially designed safety kits containing two highway fuseses, which may include a tire inflator aerosol and a fire extinguisher, offered as a consumer commodity.

Application No.	Applicant	Parties to exemption
4453-P	American East Explosives, Inc., Wilmington, DE	4453
5967-P	Primex Aerospace, Redmond, WA	5967
8009-P	Hydra-Press Inc., Bull Shoals, AR	8009
8431-P	Findly Chemical Disposal, Inc., Fontana, CA	8431
8451-P	Primex Physics, San Leandro, CA	8451
8451-P	Primex Aerospace, Redmond, WA	8451
8554-P	American East Explosives, Inc., Wilmington, DE	8554
8579-P	American East explosives, Inc., Wilmington, DE	8579
8697-P	Kenai Air Alaska, Inc., Kenai, AK	8697
8723-P	American East Explosives, Inc., Wilmington, DE	8723
9480-P	Matheson Gas Products, East Rutherford, NJ	9480
9617-P	American East Explosives, Inc., Wilmington, DE	9617
9623-P	American East Explosives, Inc., Wilmington, DE	9623
9689-P	Arco Chemical Company, Newtown Square, PA	9689
10704-P	Scott Specialty Gases, Inc., Plumsteadville, PA	10704
10751-P	American East Explosives, Inc., Wilmington, DE	10751
10880-P	American East Explosives, Inc., Wilmington, DE	10880
10933-P	A & A Waste Oil Company, Inc., Linthicum Heights, MD	10933
10949-P	Superior Special Services, Inc., Port Washington, WI	10949
10981-P	Austin Powder Company, Cleveland, OH	10981
11153-P	Chemical Analytics, Inc., Romulus, MI	11153
11153-P	Ensco, Inc. dba Division Transport, El Dorado, AR	11153
11153-P	Superior Special Services, Inc., Port Washington, WI	11153
11156-P	American East Explosives, Inc., Wilmington, DE	11156
11221-P	Kenai Air Alaska, Inc., Kenai, AK	11221
11230-P	American East Explosives, Inc., Wilmington, DE	11230
11252-P	Advanced Monobloc, Markham, Ontario, CN	11252
11296-P	Philip Environmental, Renton, WA	11296
11373-P	E+E (US), Inc., Middletown, PA	11373
11588-P	Mid America Environmental Waste Protection Svc, Inc., Boonville, IN	11588
11602-P	K & M Metals Corp., Tacoma, WA	11602
11624-P	Superior Special Services, Inc., Port Washington, WI	11624

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

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 30, 1997.

J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Exemptions and Approvals.

[FR Doc. 97-2784 Filed 2-4-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-60-M

**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 7, 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 application number.

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

NEW EXEMPTIONS

Application No.	Applicant	Regulations(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
11807-N	Kirby Chemical Co., Longview, TX.	49 CFR 172.407(c)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of a current supply of labels in size smaller than the 3.9 inch minimum required for use in transporting various Class 8 material. (mode 1).
11808-N	Trinity Industries, Inc., Dallas, TX.	49 CFR 179.300-19(a)	To authorize the foreign inspection of certain multi-unit tank cars (one ton containers) manufactured in Mexico for use in transporting chlorine. (mode 5).
11809-N	Laidlaw Environmental Services Inc., Columbia, SC.	49 CFR 173.156(b)(1)(iii) ...	To authorize the transportation in commerce of consumer commodities from a manufacturer, a distribution center, or a retail outlet to a disposal facility from more than one offeror. (mode 1).
11811-N	Laidlaw Environmental, Services Inc., Columbia, SC.	49 CFR 172.202(c)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of various household hazardous wastes to be transported without having the quantity and unit measurement shown on the shipping paper. (mode 1).
11815-N	Union Pacific Railroad, Co. et al., Omaha, NE.	49 CFR 174.85(d)	To authorize alternative positioning of certain placarded rail cars in a train transporting various classes of hazardous materials. (mode 2).
11816-N	The Scotts Co., Marysville, OH.	49 CFR 171-180	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain hazardous materials across a public road, from one part of a plant to another, as essentially not subject to the hazard communication requirements in Part 172. (mode 1).
11817-N	FIBA Technologies, Inc., Westboro, MA.	49 CFR 172.301(c), 173.302(c)(2)(3) & (4), 173.34(e)(1)(3) & (4).	To provide for ultrasonic retesting of DOT 3AL cylinders to be used in transporting various authorized gases. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
11818-N	National Aeronautics & Space Administration, Washington, DC.	49 CFR 173.34(d)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain non-DOT specification containers containing certain Division 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 liquidified and compressed gases not equipped with pressure relief devices to be used in connection with flight project spacecraft containing heat pipes. (modes 1, 3, 4).
11820-N	Grief Bros. Corp., Springfield, NJ.	49 CFR 173.23(g), 173.8(b)(4)(1).	To authorize the transportation and reuse or reconditioning of drums with ends thinner than 1.1mm for use in transporting various hazardous materials. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
11821-N	Wyoming Department of Transportation, Cheyenne, WY.	49 CFR 173.202(c)	To authorize the use of a specifically designed steel tank, non-bulk container for use in transporting Gasoline, Class 3. (mode 1).
11822-N	Department of Energy, Germantown, MD.	49 CFR 178.244(c)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of non-specification storage tanks partially filled with sodium metal to off-site disposal processing facilities. (mode 2).
11824-N	The Dow Chemical Co., Freeport, TX.	49 CFR 172.203(a), 172.302(c), 180.509(6)(e).	To authorize the use of alternative testing method for tank car structural re-certification, extend the internal visual tank and service equipment inspection cycle to 15 years and provide relief from the shipping paper and marking requirements. (mode 2).
11825-N	Bevill Meter Service, Homer, LA.	49 CFR 173.304, 173.315	To authorize the transportation of a non-DOT specification container described as a meter prover for use in transporting various hydrocarbon products. (mode 1).