

and seven distorted. All 18 cans tested were over-pressurized at 70° F. and those cans that did not leak or burst prior to 130° F were also over-pressurized.

A person who possesses a can of HC-12a® described in this safety notice should ensure that the can is not offered for transportation or transported and that it is stored in a cool or refrigerated location. If you have further questions, please contact Mr. LaMagdelaine.

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Alan I. Roberts,

Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Potential Failure of Check Valves Following Remanufacturing

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; issuance of advisory bulletin.

SUMMARY: RSPA is issuing an advisory bulletin to owners and operators of Hazardous Liquid and Natural Gas Pipelines. The bulletin advises the industry about potential failure of check valves following remanufacture.

ADDRESSES: This document can be viewed on the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) home page at: <http://ops.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Daugherty, (202) 366-4577.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In a recent accident, a hazardous liquid pipeline cleaning pig was late arriving at a pump station. The pig was thought to be lodged in the check valve due to the noise level at the valve. The valve was equipped with a lock open device and the wrench was locked in the open position by a bolt intended for that function. An attempt was made to remove the bolt from the operating handle on the check valve in order to exercise the valve and dislodge the cleaning pig. The wrench locking bolt was moved about one-half of a turn and the shaft unexpectedly blew out of the valve releasing liquefied petroleum gas into the environment. The on-site valve inspection indicated that the valve stem was held in place only by the locking bolt. The clapper and hinge were

detached and the set screws were missing.

II. Advisory Bulletin (ADB-97-05)

To: Owners and Operators of Hazardous Liquid and Natural Gas Pipelines.

Subject: Potential Failure of Check Valves Following Remanufacturing.

Purpose: Inform system owners and operators of the need to inspect/test remanufactured check valves.

Advisory: Recent information discovered during the course of an Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) accident investigation indicates certain older check valves were not remanufactured within specified tolerances. Significant differences were found in several of the same type of remanufactured check valves. All of the shafts were different and none of the valves appear to match the description given in the check valve remanufacture procedure. Additionally, the valves were assembled differently. Evaluation of other remanufactured check valves also shows evidence of improper reassembly.

Remanufactured check valves should undergo a thorough quality assessment to assure tolerances are within design parameters, particularly valves where the shaft is retained inside the valve by set screws. Operators should consider including testing or inspection as part of the quality assessment. Remanufactured check valves currently in service are included in this advisory because damage to a pipeline and release of pressurized product may occur as a result of improper remanufacturing of check valves.

OPS recommends operators also be aware of an October 20, 1997, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration Joint Safety Alert (Alert) concerning a similar but unrelated problem with certain types of check and butterfly valves. According to the Alert, certain types of check and butterfly valves can undergo shaft-disk separation and fail catastrophically or "blow-out". For more information on the Alert, visit the EPA CEPPO home page at <http://www.epa.gov/swercepp/> or contact the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Hotline at 1-800-424-9346 or 703-412-9810.

(49 U.S.C. Chapter 601; 49 CFR 1.53)

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Stacey L. Gerard,

Acting Director for Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from Covington & Burling on behalf of Union Pacific Corporation (WB468-4—10/28/97), 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) 565-1542.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Quarterly IRS Interest Rates Used in Calculating Interest on Overdue Accounts and Refunds on Customs Duties

AGENCY: Customs Service, Treasury.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public of the quarterly Internal Revenue Service interest rates used to calculate interest on overdue accounts and refunds of Customs duties. For the quarter beginning October 1, 1997, the rates will remain at 8 percent for overpayments and 9 percent for underpayments. This notice is published for the convenience of the importing public and Customs personnel.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald Wyman, Accounting Services Division, Accounts Receivable Group, 6026 Lakeside Boulevard, Indianapolis, Indiana 46278, (317) 298-1200, extension 1349.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1505 and Treasury Decision 85-93, published in the **Federal Register** on May 29, 1985 (50 FR 21832), the interest rate paid on applicable overpayments or underpayments of Customs duties shall be in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code rate established under 26 U.S.C. 6621 and 6622. Interest rates are determined based on the short-term Federal rate. The interest rate that Treasury pays on overpayments will be the short-term Federal rate plus two percentage points. The interest rate paid to the Treasury for underpayments will be the short-term Federal rate plus three percentage points. The rates will be rounded to the nearest full percentage.

The interest rates are determined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury based on the average market yield on outstanding marketable obligations of the U.S. with remaining periods to maturity of 3 years or less, and fluctuate quarterly. The rates effective for a quarter are determined during the first-month period of the previous quarter.

The IRS announced September 12, 1997, that the rates of interest for the first quarter of fiscal year (FY) 1998 (the period of October 1-December 31, 1997) will remain at 8 percent for overpayments and 9 percent for underpayments. These interest rates are subject to change for the second quarter of FY-1998 (the period of January 1-March 31, 1998).

For the convenience of the importing public and Customs personnel the following list of Internal Revenue Service interest rates used, since July 1, 1975 to date, to calculate interest on overdue accounts and refunds of Customs duties, is published in summary format.

Beginning date	Ending date	Under-payments (percent)	Over-payments (percent)
070175	013176	9	9
020176	013178	7	7
020178	013180	6	6
020180	013182	12	12
020182	123182	20	20
010183	063083	16	16
070183	123184	11	11
010185	063085	13	13
070185	123185	11	11
010186	063086	10	10
070186	123186	9	9
010187	093087	9	8
100187	123187	10	9
010188	033188	11	10
040188	093088	10	9
100188	033189	11	10
040189	093089	12	11

Beginning date	Ending date	Under-payments (percent)	Over-payments (percent)
100189	033191	11	10
040191	123191	10	9
010192	033192	9	8
040192	093092	8	7
100192	063094	7	6
070194	093094	8	7
100194	033195	9	8
040195	063095	10	9
070195	033196	9	8
040196	063096	8	7
070196	033197	9	8

Dated: November 5, 1997.

Samuel H. Banks,

Acting Commissioner of Customs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Fiscal Service****1998 Fee Schedule for the Transfer of U.S. Treasury Book-Entry Securities Held at Federal Reserve Banks**

AGENCY: Bureau of the Public Debt, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury is announcing the schedule of fees to be charged in 1998 on the transfer of book-entry Treasury securities between depository institution accounts maintained at Federal Reserve Banks and Branches, as well as transfers to and from Federal Reserve Bank accounts.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carl M. Locken, Jr., Assistant Commissioner (Financing), Bureau of the Public Debt, Room 534, E St. Building, Washington, D.C. 20239-0001, telephone (202) 219-3350.

Diane M. Polowczuk, Government Securities Specialist, Bureau of the Public Debt, Room 534, E St. Building, Washington, D.C. 20239-0001, telephone (202) 219-3350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 1, 1985, the Department of the Treasury established a fee schedule for the transfer of Treasury book-entry securities between one book-entry account to another book-entry account of the same depository institution, and between the accounts of one depository institution and the accounts of another depository institution that maintain their accounts at Federal Reserve Banks and Branches. This fee schedule also applies to the book-entry transfer of

securities between depository institution accounts and Federal Reserve Bank accounts.

Based on the latest review of book-entry costs and volumes, the Treasury has decided that the fees for securities transfers in 1998 should remain unchanged from the levels currently in effect.

The fees described in this notice apply only to the transfer of Treasury book-entry securities. The Federal Reserve System assesses the fees to recover the costs associated with the processing of the funds component of Treasury book-entry transfer messages, as well as the costs of providing book-entry services for Government agencies. Information concerning book-entry transfers of government agency securities, which are priced by the Federal Reserve System, is set out in a separate notice published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The following is the Treasury fee schedule that will be effective January 1, 1998, for the Treasury book-entry transfer service:

1998 FEE SCHEDULE

	Cost per transfer
On-line transfers originated	\$1.65
On-line reversal transfers received	1.65
Off-line transfers originated	9.40
Off-line transfers received	9.40
Off-line reversal transfers received	9.40

Dated: October 31, 1997.

Gerald Murphy,

Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Fiscal Service****Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds Termination of Authority**

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds Termination of Authority: Cumberland Surety Insurance Company, Inc.

SUMMARY: Dept. Circ. 570, 1997—Rev., Supp. No. 2.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Surety Bond Branch (202) 874-6779.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Certification of