### **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 January 22, 1998.

ADDRESS COMMENTS TO: Dockets Unit, Research and Special Programs

# NEW EXEMPTIONS

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.

Application number	Docket number	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof	
11999–N	RSPA-97-3227	Rhone-Poulenc, Shelton, CT.	49 CFR 174.67(i)&(j)	To authorize rail cars to remain connected during unloading operation of Class 3 and 8 material without the physical presence of an unloader. (mode 2).	
12000-N	RSPA-97-3228	Primex Technologies, St. Petersburg, FL.	49 CFR 172.400	To authorize the transportation in commerce of Division 1.3C material in M13A2 metal containers without required labelling. (modes 1, 3).	
12001–N	RSPA-97-3229	Albemarle Corporation, Baton Rouge, LA.	49 CFR 172.101, B14	To authorize the transportation in commerce of toxic liquid, corrosive, inorganic, n.o.s., Division 6.1, PIH Zone B, in uninsulated MC 330 or MC 331 tank trailers. (mode 1).	
12002–N	RSPA-97-3230	Yellowstone Pipe Line Co., Thompson Falls, MT.	49 CFR 174.67(g)	To authorize the use of pressure as an alterative method of removing frozen liquid from tank car bottom outlets instead of steam and hot water. (mode 2).	
12003–N	RSPA-97-3231	Degussa Corporation, Ridgefield Park, NJ.	49 CFR 172.102, T-15, T-37.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of hydrogen peroxide, stabilized, Division 5.1, that exceed the 72% maximum concentration allowed in IM 101 tank cars and cargo tanks. (modes 1, 3).	
12004–N	RSPA-97-3232	Alfa SA, Portugal	49 CFR 173.304, 173.34(e)(9), 175.3, 178.51.	To authorize the manufacture, mark and sale of non-specification cylinders comparable to DOT-Specification 4BA for use in transporting certain Class 2 material. (modes 1, 2, 4).	
12005–N	RSPA-97-3233	Boeing North American, Inc., Canoga Park, CA.	49 CFR 173.302	To authorize the transportation in commerce of a specially designed unit equipped with a cyl- inder charged with xenon gas, Division 2.2, as part of a space station project. (mode 1).	
12011–N	RSPA-97-3234	Compagnie des Containers Reservoirs, France.	49 CFR 173.32b(b)	To authorize alternative internal inspection period of IMO Type 1 portable tanks used in dedicated service for the transportation of Division 6.1 material. (modes 1, 2, 3).	
12014–N	RSPA-97-3235	The Trane Co., TEN–E Packaging Services, Newport, MN.	49 CFR 173.306(e)(1)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of used refrigerating machines containing no more than 1000 pounds of Class A refrigerants classed in Division 2.2. (mode 1).	
12015–N	RSPA-97-3236	Elf Atochem North America, Inc., Phila- delphia, PA.	49 CFR 174.67(i)&(j)	To authorize tank cars containing various haz- ardous materials to remain standing with un- loading connections attached when unloading has been temporarily discontinued or unload- ing incomplete without the physical presence of an unloader. (mode 2).	

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 December 17, 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 Exemption

**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 Material 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 January 7, 1998.

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.

Applica- tion No.	Docket No.	Applicant	
12007-M	RSPA-97-3061 RSPA-97-3225	Olin Corporation, Norwalk, CT <sup>1</sup>	10798 11458 11962 12007 12009

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>To modify the exemption to provide for Class 9 as an additional class of material contained in tanks cars which remain standing with unloading connections attached when no product is being transferred.

<sup>2</sup>To modify the exemption to provide for cargo vessel as an additional mode.

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

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 552X); STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 201X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.—
Abandonment Exemption—in Raleigh
County, WV; Norfolk and Western
Railway Company—Discontinuance of
Trackage Rights Exemption—in
Raleigh County, WV

On December 3, 1997, CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), and Norfolk and Western Railway Company (N&W) <sup>1</sup> filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition

under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 for CSXT to abandon and N&W to discontinue trackage rights over approximately 6.24 miles of line between milepost CAR-0.58 at Beckley Junction, WV, and milepost CAR-6.82 at the end of the track at Cranberry, WV, which traverses U.S. Postal Service ZIP Codes 25801, 25813, 25827, 25832, 25919, and 25920, in Raleigh County, WV. The line includes the stations of Beckley, located at milepost CAR-1, Sprague, located at milepost CAR-4, Skelton, located at milepost CAR-5, and Cranberry, located at milepost CAR-6.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in CSXT's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis to authorize the transportation in commerce of sodium, Division 4.3 in accumulators.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis to authorize the transportation in commerce of chloropicrin, Division 6.1, in reusable DOT4BA260 cylinders equipped with alternative plug.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>To reissue exemption originally issued on an emergency basis to authorize the transportation in commerce of anhydrous ammonia in non-specification cylinders.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>N&W is a wholly owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Company.