

**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 February 12, 1998.

**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 CONTACT:**

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.

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)).

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#### NEW EXEMPTIONS

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
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 as Division 2.2 (mode 1).
12020-N	RSPA-98-3307	Rhone-Poulenc, Inc./ Rhodia Inc., Shelton, CT.	49 CFR 174.67(i)&(j) .....	To authorize tank cars containing Class 3 and 8 material to remain standing with unloading connections attached when unloading has been temporarily discontinued or unloading incomplete without the physical presence of an unloader (mode 2).
12021-N	RSPA-98-3309	Praxair, Inc., Danbury, CT	49 CFR 172.101(i)(3) .....	To authorize the transportation in commerce of dry metal catalyst classified as Division 4.2, to be transported in non-DOT specification bulk packaging (modes 1, 3).
12022-N	RSPA-98-3308	Taylor-Wharton, Harrisburg, PA.	49 CFR (e)(15)(vi), 173.302 (c)(2), (3), (4) & (5), 173.34(e)(1), (e)(3), (e)(4), (e)(8), (e)(14), 173.34(e)(1), (e)(3), (e)(4), (e)(8), (e)(14), (e).	To authorize the use of ultrasonic inspection in lieu of hydrostatic pressure test and internal visual inspection of 3AA cylinders for use in transporting hazardous materials classed as Division 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
12023-N	RSPA-98-3310	Apollo Industries, N. Clarendon, Vt.	49 CFR 171.5, 171.5(a)(1)(ii), 178.603.	To authorize the manufacture, marking, and sale and use of an alternative discharge control system for cargo tanks used for the transportation in commerce of liquefied compressed gases (mode 1).
12024-N	RSPA-98-3311	Warner-Lambert Co., Morris Plains, NY.	49 CFR 171-180 .....	To authorize the transportation of various health care and consumer products, meeting the definition of hazardous materials, across public roadway to be transported as unregulated (mode 1).

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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 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. This notice is abbreviated to expedite docketing and public notice. Because of 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 28, 1998.

**ADDRESSES COMMENTS TO:** Docket 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.	Docket No.	Applicant	Modification of exemption
9421-M .....	.....	Taylor-Wharton, Harrisburg, PA (See Footnote 1) .....	9421
9706-M .....	.....	Taylor-Wharton, Harrisburg, PA (See Footnote 2) .....	9706
9909-M .....	.....	Taylor-Wharton, Harrisburg, PA (See Footnote 3) .....	9909
10047-M .....	.....	Taylor-Wharton, Harrisburg, PA (See Footnote 4) .....	10047
11986-M .....	RSPA-98-3171	U.S. Department of Defense, Falls Church, VA (See Footnote 5) .....	11986
11989-M .....	RSPA-98-3170	U.S. Department of Defense, Falls Church, VA (See Footnote 6) .....	11989

<sup>1</sup> To modify the exemption to authorize the use of ultrasonic inspection in lieu of hydrostatic pressure test and internal visual inspection of non-DOT specification cylinders for use in transporting certain Division 2.1, 2.2 gases and Division 6.1 materials.

<sup>2</sup> To modify the exemption to authorize the use of ultrasonic inspection in lieu of hydrostatic pressure test and internal visual inspection of non-DOT specification cylinders for use in transporting certain Division 2.1, 2.2 gases and Division 6.1 materials.

<sup>3</sup> To modify the exemption to provide for the use of ultrasonic inspection in lieu of hydrostatic pressure test and internal visual inspection of non-DOT specification steel cylinders for use in transporting Division 2.1 and 2.2 gases.

<sup>4</sup> To modify the exemption to provide for ultrasonic inspection in lieu of hydrostatic pressure test and internal visual inspection of non-DOT specification cylinder used for transporting certain hazardous materials.

<sup>5</sup> To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis to authorize the stowage of Division 1.2, explosives in freight containers below deck aboard large, medium speed, roll-on/roll-off vessels.

<sup>6</sup> To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis from segregation requirements aboard vessels transporting explosive material.

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 THE TREASURY

### Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request

December 31, 1997.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

#### Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

*OMB Number:* 1545-0732.

*Regulation Project Number:* LR-236-81 Final (TD 8251).

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Credit for Increasing Research Activity.

*Description:* This information is necessary to comply with requirements of Code section 41 (section 44F before change by Tax Reform Act 1984 and section 30 before change by Tax Reform Act of 1986) which describes the situations in which a taxpayer is entitled to an income tax credit for increases in research activity.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 250.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting Burden:* 63 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1418.

*Regulation Project Number:* PS-52-93 Final.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Excise Tax; Registration Requirements.

*Description:* Diesel fuel traders must notify their terminal operators of their registration status. Diesel fuel retailers must notify their customers who buy dyed diesel fuel.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, Farms, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 322,550.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent/Recordkeeper:* Varies.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden:* 36,885 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1450.

*Regulation Project Number:* FI-59-91 Final.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Debt Instruments With Original Issue Discount; Contingent Payments, Anti-Abuse Rule.

*Description:* The regulations provide definitions, general rules, and reporting requirements for debt instruments that provide for contingent payments. The regulations also provide definitions, general rules, and recordkeeping requirements for integrated debt instruments.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/*

*Recordkeepers:* 180,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Respondent/Recordkeeper:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion, Annually.

*Estimated Total Reporting/*

*Recordkeeping Burden:* 89,000 hours.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1451.

*Regulation Project Number:* REG-248900-96 Final (Formerly FI-72-88).

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Definition of Private Activity Bonds.

*Description:* Section 103 provides generally that interest on certain State or local bonds is excluded from gross income. However, under sections 103(b)(1) and 141, interest on private activity bonds (other than qualified bonds) is not excluded. The regulations provided rules, for purposes of section 141, necessary to determine how bond proceeds are measured and used and how debt service for those bonds is paid or secured.

*Respondents:* State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 10,100.