

Task 96-1—Revising the Freight Power Brake Regulations. This Task was formally withdrawn from the RSAC on June 24, 1997. FRA published an NPRM on September 9, 1998, reflective of what FRA had learned through the collaborative process. Two public hearings were conducted and a technical conference was held. The date for submission of written comments was extended to March 1, 1999. FRA is preparing a final rule. Contact: Thomas Hermann (202)493-6036.

Task 96-2—Reviewing and recommending revisions to the Track Safety Standards (49 CFR part 213). This task was accepted April 2, 1996, and a Working Group was established. Consensus was reached on recommended revisions and an NPRM incorporating these recommendations was published in the **Federal Register** on July 3, 1997, (62 FR 36138). The final rule was published in the **Federal Register** on June 22, 1998 (63 FR 33991). The effective date of the rule is September 21, 1998. A task force was established to address Gage Restraint Measurement System (GRMS) technology applicability to the Track Safety Standards. An amendment to the final rule is being prepared for presentation to the RSAC. Contact: Al MacDowell (202)493-6236.

Task 96-3—Reviewing and recommending revisions to the Radio Standards and Procedures (49 CFR part 220). This Task was accepted on April 2, 1996, and a Working Group was established. Consensus was reached on recommended revisions and an NPRM incorporating these recommendations was published in the **Federal Register** on June 26, 1997 (62 FR 34544). The final rule was published on September 4, 1998 (63 FR 47182) and becomes effective on January 2, 1999. Contact: Gene Cox (202)493-6319.

Task 96-4—Reviewing the appropriateness of the agency's current policy regarding the applicability of existing and proposed regulations to tourist, excursion, scenic, and historic railroads. This Task was accepted on April 2, 1996, and a Working Group was established. The Working Group is monitoring the steam locomotive regulations task. Contact: Grady Cothen (202)493-6302.

Task 96-5—Reviewing and recommending revisions to Steam Locomotive Inspection Standards (49 CFR part 230). This Task was assigned to the Tourist and Historic Working Group on July 24, 1996. Consensus was reached and an NPRM was published on September 25, 1998 (63 FR 51404). Written and oral comments have been reviewed and FRA is preparing the final

rule. Contact: George Scerbo (202)493-493-6349.

Task 96-6—Reviewing and recommending revisions to miscellaneous aspects of the regulations addressing Locomotive Engineer Certification (49 CFR part 240). This Task was accepted on October 31, 1996, and a Working Group was established. Consensus was reached and an NPRM was published on September 22, 1998. The Working Group met to resolve issues presented in public comments. At the January 28, 1999, meeting, the RSAC recommended issuance of a final rule with the Working Group modifications. FRA is preparing the final rule. Contact: John Conklin (202)493-6318.

Task 96-7—Developing On-Track Equipment Safety Standards. This task was assigned to the existing Track Standards Working Group on October 31, 1996, and a Task Force was established. The Task Force is finalizing a proposed rule to present to the RSAC for consideration. Contact: Al MacDowell (202)493-6236.

Task 96-8—This Planning Task evaluated the need for action responsive to recommendations contained in a report to Congress entitled, Locomotive Crashworthiness & Working Conditions. This Planning Task was accepted on October 31, 1996. A Planning Group was formed and reviewed the report, grouping issues into categories.

Task 97-1—Developing crashworthiness specifications to promote the integrity of the locomotive cab in accidents resulting from collisions. This Task was accepted on June 24, 1997. A Task Force on engineering issues was established by the Working Group on Locomotive Crashworthiness to review collision history and design options and additional research was commissioned. The Working Group is finalizing recommended standards for future locomotives to present to the RSAC for consideration. Contact: Sean Mehrvazi (202) 493-6237.

Task 97-2—Evaluating the extent to which environmental, sanitary, and other working conditions in locomotive cabs affect the crew's health and the safe operation of locomotives, proposing standards where appropriate. This Task was accepted June 24, 1997. The Working Group on Cab Working Conditions is drafting a standard for locomotive sanitary conditions. Task forces on noise and temperature were formed to identify and address issues. The Noise Task Force is drafting recommendations for hearing conservation program requirements. Contact: Brenda Hattery (202)493-6326.

Task 97-3—Developing event recorder data survivability standards. This Task was accepted on June 24, 1997. An Event Recorder Working Group and Task Force have been established and are actively meeting. A draft proposed rule is being reviewed. Contact: Edward English (202)493-6321.

Task 97-4 and *Task 97-5*—Defining Positive Train Control (PTC) functionalities, describing available technologies, evaluating costs and benefits of potential systems, and considering implementation opportunities and challenges, including demonstration and deployment.

Task 97-6—Revising various regulations to address the safety implications of processor-based signal and train control technologies, including communications-based operating systems. These three tasks were accepted on September 30, 1997, and assigned to a single Working Group. A Data and Implementation Task Force, formed to address issues such as assessment of costs and benefits and technical readiness, is finalizing a report on the future of PTC systems. The report will be incorporated into a Report to the Congress. The Standards Task Force, formed to develop PTC standards, is developing draft recommendations for presentation to the RSAC. Contact: Grady Cothen (202)493-6302.

Task 97-7—Determining damages qualifying an event as a reportable train accident. This Task was accepted on September 30, 1997. A working group was formed to address this task and conducted their initial meeting February 8, 1999. Contact: Robert Finkelstein (202)493-6280.

Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 11, 1996 (61 FR 9740) for more information about the RSAC.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. RSPA-99-5141 (Notice No. 99-5)]

Notice of Information Collection Approval

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

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Approval.

SUMMARY: This notice announces OMB approval of information collection requests (ICRs), for OMB No. 2137-0018, entitled Inspection and Testing of Portable Tanks and Intermediate Bulk Containers; OMB No. 2137-0022, entitled Testing, Inspection and Marking Requirements for Cylinders; OMB No. 2137-0039, entitled Hazardous Materials Incident Reports; OMB No. 2137-0542, entitled Flammable Cryogenic Liquids; OMB No. 2137-0557, entitled approvals for Hazardous Materials; OMB No. 2137-0572, entitled Testing Requirements for Non-Bulk Packaging (formerly entitled Testing Requirements for Packaging); OMB No. 2137-0582, entitled Container Certification Statement; OMB No. 2137-0586, entitled Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training and Planning Grants; OMB No. 2137-0591, entitled Response Plans for Shipments of Oil. These information collections have been extended until March 31, 2002.

DATES: The expiration date for these ICRs is March 31, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Requests for a copy of an information collection should be directed to Deborah Bothe, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards (DHM-10), Research and Special Programs Administration, Room 8102, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Boothe, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards (DHM-10), Research and Special Programs Administration, Room 8102, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, Telephone (202) 366-8553.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(s)) and specify that no person is required to respond to an information collection unless it displays a valid OMB control number. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, RSPA has received OMB approval of the following ICRs.

Title: Inspection and Testing of Portable tanks and Intermediate Bulk Containers.

OMB Control Number: 2137-0018.

Title: Testing, Inspection and Market Requirements for Cylinders.

OMB Control Number: 2137-0022.

Title: Hazardous Material Incident Reports.

OMB Control Number: 2137-0039.

Title: Flammable Cryogenic Liquids.

OMB Control Number: 2137-0542.

Title: Approvals for Hazardous Materials.

OMB Control Number: 2137-0557.

Title: Testing Requirements for Non-Bulk Packaging (Formerly entitled Testing Requirements for Packaging).

OMB Control Number: 2137-0572.

Title: Container Certification Statement.

OMB Control Number: 2137-0582.

Title: Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training Planning Grants.

OMB Control Number: 2137-0586.

Title: Response Plans for Shipments of Oil.

OMB Control Number: 2137-0591.

These information collection approvals expire on March 31, 2002.

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Edward T. Mazzullo,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service

AGENCY: Department Offices, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the date and time for the next meeting and the provisional agenda for consideration by the Committee.

DATES: The next meeting of the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service will be held on Friday, May 7, 1999 at approximately 9:00 a.m. in Memphis, Tennessee. The meeting will be held at The Peabody Hotel at 149 Union Avenue. Phone: (901) 529-4000. Fax: (901) 529-36000.

The duration of the meeting will be roughly three to and a half hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis M. O'Connell, Director, Office of Tariff and Trade Affairs, Office of the Under Secretary (Enforcement), Room 4004, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20220. Tel: (202) 622-0220. Final meeting details, including the meeting time and final agenda, can be confirmed by contacting the above number one week prior to the meeting date.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At the May 7, 1999 session, the regular quarterly meeting of the Advisory Committee, the Committee is expected to focus on Customs automation and also user fee and budget issues as they affect Customs automation capabilities. Time permitting, the Committee may also discuss: (1) The results of FY 1998 trade compliance measurement as well as the methodology for Compliance Assessment Team (CAT) review and/or (2) the possible establishment of a subcommittee to consider the adequacy of staffing for the Office of Regulations and Rulings. The agenda may be modified prior to the meeting.

Members

The Secretary of the Treasury has appointed the following private sector members to the Committee for the current two-year term:

Christine Berghofer, KPMG Peat Marwick

Shirley Boyd, Cargill, Inc.

Graham S. Cassano, Xerox Corporation

Leslie K. B. Cazas, Nissan North America, Inc.

James Clawson, JBC International

James J. Cook, Sara Lee Knit Products, Inc.

Fermin Cuza, Mattel, Inc.

Alfred R. De Angelus, De Angelus & Associates

Kenneth Glenn, Federal Express Corporation

Daniel B. Hastings, Jr., Daniel B. Hastings, Inc.

Kathy Hansen, CNF Services Company

Philip W. Hastings, UPS Customhouse Brokerage, Inc.

Frank X. Kelley, Liz Claiborne, Inc.

Jerrol Larrieu, Management Information Systems

Joan M. Paddock, Staples, Inc.

Richard J. Salamone, BASF Corporation

Gilbert Lee Sandler, Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A.

Janet Y. Sangster, Chrysler Corporation

David Serko, Serko & Cimon

Joseph Strain, Jacksonville Port Authority

The meeting is open to the public; however, participation in the Committee's deliberations is limited to Committee members and Customs and Treasury Department staff. A person other than an Advisory Committee member who wishes to attend the meeting, should give advance notice by contacting Theresa Manning at (202) 622-0220, no later than April 30, 1999.

Dated: April 16, 1999.

John P. Simpson,

Deputy Assistant Secretary (Regulatory, Tariff, and Trade Enforcement)

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