

person from becoming a member or person associated with a member, if such natural person does not meet such standards of training, experience and competence as prescribed by the rules of the Exchange.

Although the rule change proposes to eliminate the Series 7B Examination for Floor clerks who wish to engage in a limited public business, the subject matter included in the Series 7B is covered, in part, by the recently implemented Series 25 Examination—a required exam for all Floor clerks. Requiring Floor clerks who wish to engage in a limited public business to pass the Series 7A Examination and the Series 25 Examination (a prerequisite to the Series 7A) eliminates the testing of certain material twice, and, at the same time ensures that Floor clerks are qualified with respect to the particular subject matter currently included in the Series 7B Examination.

Because the proposed rule change will allow the Exchange to test floor clerks on its rules and policies more effectively, the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(c)(3)(B) of the Act,<sup>10</sup> which states that the Exchange is responsible for prescribing standards of training, experience and competence for persons associated with Exchange members and member organizations. The Commission believes that Series 25 and 7A Examinations would cover the appropriate subject matter and include a sufficiently broad range of topics so as to ensure an appropriate level of expertise by Floor clerks of members who want to conduct a limited public business with professional customers.<sup>11</sup>

#### IV. Conclusion

*It is therefore ordered*, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>12</sup> that the proposed rule change (SR-NYSE-99-36) is approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>13</sup>

**Jonathan G. Katz,**  
Secretary.

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#### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

##### Reporting and recordkeeping requirements under OMB review

**AGENCY:** Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of Reporting Requirements Submitted for OMB Review.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), agencies are required to submit proposed reporting and recordkeeping requirements to OMB for review and approval, and to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that the agency has made such a submission.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before December 10, 1999. If you intend to comment but cannot prepare comments promptly, please advise the OMB Reviewer and the Agency Clearance Officer before the deadline.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments concerning this notice to: Agency Clearance Officer, Jacqueline White, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20416; and OMB Reviewer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Copies:** Request for clearance (OMB 83-1), supporting statement, and other documents submitted to OMB for review may be obtained from the Agency Clearance Officer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jacqueline White, Agency Clearance Officer, (202) 205-7044.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loan Application.

**Form No:** 5R.

**Frequency:** On Occasion.

**Description of Respondents:** Small Business, which employ military reservists.

**Annual Responses:** 2,500.

**Annual Burden:** 5,000.

**Jacqueline White,**  
Chief, Administrative Information Branch.  
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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Announcement No. 3147]

##### Shipping Coordinating Committee Subcommittee on Standards of Training and Watchkeeping; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 7th, 1999, in Room 6103, at United States Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001. The

primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the thirty-first session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Sub-Committee on Standards of Training and Watchkeeping (STW) to be held at IMO from January 10 to 14, 2000.

The primary matters to be considered include:

- a. Training and certification of maritime pilots;
- b. Recognition of foreign certificates;
- c. Unlawful practices associated with certificates of competency (i.e., forged certificates);
- d. Record-keeping for basic safety training;
- e. Medical standards for seafarers, particularly physical abilities for entry level seafarers;
- f. Standard Marine Communication Phrases (SMCP);
- g. Training in the use of Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS);
- h. Guidance for training in ballast water management;
- i. Guidance for ships operating in ice-covered waters;
- j. Validation of an IMO model course on assessment of competence; and
- k. Guidance associated with the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel (STCW-F Convention, as adopted by the 1995 conference; not yet ratified or in force).

Members of the public may attend the meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. Christopher Young, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Commandant (G-MSO-1), Room 1210, 2nd Street SW, Washington, DC 20593 or by calling: (202) 267-0229.

Dated: November 4, 1999.

**Stephen M. Miller,**  
Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Federal Aviation Administration

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Aviation Security Advisory Committee.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held December 2, 1999, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., 10th floor, MacCracken Room, Washington, DC 20591, telephone 202-267-7622.

<sup>10</sup> *Id.*

<sup>11</sup> See Exchange Rule 345.15 and the interpretation to Rule 345.15, which is contained in the NYSE *Interpretation Handbook*.

<sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>13</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. 11), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Aviation Security Advisory Committee to be held December 2, at the Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., 10th floor, MacCracken Room, Washington, DC. The agenda for the meeting will include: Airport Construction Guidelines, Work Group Updates, and Rulemaking Initiatives Status Report. The December 2 meeting is open to the public but attendance is limited to space available. Members of the public may address the committee only with the written permission of the chair, which should be arranged in advance. The chair may entertain public comment if, in its judgment, doing so will not disrupt the orderly progress of the meeting and will not be unfair to any other person. Members of the public are welcome to present written material to the committee at any time. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the Office of the Associate Administrator for Civil Aviation Security, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone 202-267-7622.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 3, 1999.

**Cathal L. Flynn,**

*Associate Administrator for Civil Aviation Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Notice of Safety Advisory on RoadRailer Trailers

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of safety advisory.

**SUMMARY:** FRA is issuing Safety Advisory 99-03 addressing the securement of floor beam cross-members on RoadRailer<sup>±</sup> trailers in order to prevent the highway tandem wheels on these trailers from falling onto the rails on moving trains.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Fairbanks, Mechanical Engineer, Motive Power and Equipment Division, Office of Safety Assurance and Compliance, FRA, 400 Seventh Street, SW, RRS-14, Mail Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590 (Telephone (202) 493-6322/Fax (202) 493-6230).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Over the past several months, FRA has

discovered that several RoadRailer<sup>±</sup> trailers operated by Triple Crown Services (Triple Crown) have experienced failures of floor beam cross-members. These cross beams connect the highway tandem wheel set to the body of the trailer via slide rails. The failure of the cross beam allows the weight of the tandem wheel set to deflect the slide rails to the point where the highway tires contact the rail. The reported failures, which to date have been isolated, were discovered while the trailer was in train formation, triggered a dragging equipment detector on a moving train, or was noticed by the crew of a passing train. At this time, there have been no reported instances of tandem wheel sets separating from the trailer, which may cause a derailment or undesired train stop. The trailers involved have been set out of their trains under controlled conditions without injury or loss of property.

FRA notified Wabash National Inc. (Wabash), the manufacturer of RoadRailer<sup>®</sup> equipment, and requested that Wabash randomly inspect trailers at the Fort Wayne, Indiana, Triple Crown facility. The first inspection was conducted on October 12, 1999, and revealed a high percentage of four-to-six-year-old trailers with one or more cross-member defects. The cross-member defects found during the inspection could be classified into four categories:

1. A weld crack at the slide rail to I-beam cross-member;
2. A crack in the cross-member I-beam flange (which usually starts at the end of a weld);
3. A crack which has progressed into the web of the I-beam from the flange; or
4. A cross-member broken into two pieces.

A second inspection was conducted at the Fort Wayne, Indiana, facility on October 14, 1999, by representatives of Wabash, Triple Crown, and FRA. A third inspection of the facility was conducted on October 27, 1999, and included representative of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The results of these two inspections were consistent with the observations made in the earlier inspection.

The practice of attaching the tandem wheel set slide rails to the trailer body by welding to floor cross-member I-beam flanges has been the accepted method of highway trailer fabrication for many years. This method is currently being used by nearly all van trailer manufacturers, and is considered safe and reliable when properly applied. It should be noted that there are some RoadRailer<sup>®</sup> trailers which have been in

service since January 1988 that have not exhibited signs of weld or cross-member cracking in the above noted areas. Currently, the entire fleet of Triple Crown RoadRailer<sup>®</sup> trailers are in the process of being inspected or repaired. All inbound and outbound trailers are being inspected and depending upon the condition of the trailer, it may be withheld from service, transloaded, or repaired prior to being assembled into a train. At this time, the manufacturer is considering one broken floor beam cross-member or four successive cross-members with cracks to be sufficient cause to withhold the trailer from service or repair the trailer prior to continuing it in service.

#### Recommended Action

Until the root cause of the floor beam cross-member failures can be determined, and the appropriate long-term repairs effectuated, FRA recommends that the following action be taken with regard to all RoadRailer<sup>®</sup> trailers:

- Each trailer should be inspected upon receipt at a facility from a highway motor carrier prior to being transferred to the rail mode to determine whether it has any of the following conditions:

1. One broken floor beam cross-member.
2. Four successive cross-member with cracks.

If either of the conditions are found, the trailer should be held until a repair can be made to correct the deficiency, or if loaded, the lading should be transferred to another trailer that has been inspected and found not to have any of these conditions.

- Each such inbound trailer should be inspected upon its arrival in a train prior to its transfer to the highway mode. If either of the conditions noted above are found, the trailer should be held until a repair can be made to correct the deficiency, or if loaded, the lading should be transferred to another trailer that has been inspected and found not to have any of these conditions.

FRA may modify Safety Advisory 99-03, issue additional safety advisories, or take other appropriate action to ensure the highest level of safety on the Nation's railroads.

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**George Gavalla,**

*Associate Administrator for Safety.*

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