NEW EXEMPTIONS COMMITTEE				
Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
11946–N	RSPA-97-2900	Regional Airline Association, Washington, DC.	49 CFR 173.34(e)	To authorize an alternative maintenance/in- spection program in lieu of that required in 49 CFR 173.34(e) for certain DOT specification and non-DOT specification cylinders used as components in aircraft fire suppressant sys- tems. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
11947–N	RSPA-97-2901	Patts Fabrication & Services, Odessa, TX.	49 CFR 178.253	To authorize the manufacture, mark and sale of non-specification 60 gallon portable metal tanks designed and constructed in accordance with DOT-Specification 57, with certain exceptions, for use in transporting Flammable liquids, n.o.s., Class 3. (mode 1)
11948–N	RSPA-97-2902	Sumitomo Corporation, San Francisco, CA.	49 CFR 173, Subpart G	To authorize the transportation in commerce of non-specification cylinders manufactured and filled in Japan for use in transporting certain compressed gases. (modes 1, 2, 3)
11953–N	RSPA-97-2903	Manchester Tank, Brentwood, TN.	49 CFR 178.61(a)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of DOT 4B cylinders that are exempt from the maximum 1,000 pound water capacity requirement. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4)
11954–N	RSPA-97-2904	Republic Environmental Systems (PA), Inc., Hatfield, PA.	49 CFR 173.29, Part 178.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of reused UN 1A2/Y/1.2 drums that were previously used to transport lab pack quantities of waste without meeting the retesting and reconditioning requirements for use in transporting various classes of hazardous materials. (mode 1)

NEW EXEMPTIONS—Continued

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

International Standards on the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise persons that RSPA will conduct a public meeting to exchange views on proposals submitted to the sixteenth session of the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) Dangerous Goods Panel (DGP) to be held in Montreal, Canada on October 20–31, 1997.

DATES: October 16, 1997 at 9:30 a.m. ADDRESSES: Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, Room 8406A, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington, DC 20590–0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frits Wybenga, (202) 366–0656, International Standards Coordinator for Hazardous Materials Safety, RSPA, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting will be held in preparation for the sixteenth session of the ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel Working Group. The primary purpose of the Panel meeting will be to discuss proposed amendments to the ICAO Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (the Technical Instructions). The Panel will consider possible amendments to resolve problems encountered with the use of the Technical Instructions, and amendments to the Technical Instructions on the basis of revisions to the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UN Recommendations).

The public is invited to attend without prior notification.

Documents

Documents submitted to the ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel may be reviewed between the hours of 8:30 and 5:00 in RSPA's Dockets Unit located in room 8419 of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 366–5046. Copies of documents may also be ordered by contacting RSPA's Dockets Unit.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 16, 1997.

Alan I. Roberts,

Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33458]

Cargill, Incorporated—Acquisition of Control Exemption—A&R Line, Inc. and J.K. Line, Inc.

Cargill, Incorporated (Cargill), a noncarrier, has filed a notice of exemption to acquire control, through stock purchase, of A&R Line, Inc., and J.K. Line, Inc. (rail lines), Class III railroads, operating in the State of Indiana.¹

The earliest the transaction could be consummated is September 12, 1997,

¹The rail lines will be purchased from Daniel R. Frick, the sole shareholder of the rail lines, and are part of a larger transaction involving the purchase of four facilities for the storage and distribution of bulk commodities, fertilizer and agricultural chemicals. The rail lines provide the transportation services to two of the four facilities being purchased by Cargill.

the effective date of the exemption (7 days after the exemption was filed).²

Cargill states that: (i) The rail lines do not connect; (ii) the transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect these railroads with each other or with any other railroad in their corporate family; and (iii) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33458, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on John K. Maser, III, Esq., Donelan, Cleary, Wood & Master, P.C., 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Suite 750, Washington, DC 20005.

Decided: September 12, 1997.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request

September 9, 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: 1545–1544. Form Number: IRS Form 11212. Type of Review: Extension. Title: Statement of Amendment of Employee Benefit Plan.

Description: Form 11212 is part of a voluntary outreach program designed to ensure that retirement and pension plans are amended to conform to certain law changes. Completion of three questions on Form 11212 indicates, but does not guarantee, that the plan document has been properly amended.

Respondents: Business or other forprofit, Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,900.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Other (one time).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 2,725 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear (202) 622–3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395–7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports Management Officer. [FR Doc. 97–24959 Filed 9–18–97; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4830–01–P

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 10, 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.

Special Request

In order to conduct the opinion survey described below in October 1997, the Department of the Treasury is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and approve this information collection by September 23, 1997. To obtain a copy of this study, please contact the Internal Revenue Service Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545–1432. Project Number: M:SP:V 97–020–G. Type of Review: Revision. Title: Electronic Filing Program Opinion Survey.

Description: The purpose of this survey is to collect information to determine what tax practitioners (members of the National Society of Accountants (NSA) and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)) like and dislike about the Electronic Filing Program. In addition, practitioners' suggestions on how to improve the program will help the IRS provide a more effective tool to the practitioners which should result in more returns filed electronically.

Respondents: Business or other forprofit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 45,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Other (one time only).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 9,000 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear (202) 622–3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395–7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Departmental Reports, Management Officer. [FR Doc. 97–24960 Filed 9–18–97; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4830–01–P

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission to OMB for Review; Comment Request

September 15, 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

² Applicant indicates that consummation of the transaction will occur within 85 days after July 10, 1997