

9. *Project Evaluation*: Proposals should include a plan to evaluate the activity's success, both as the activities unfold and at the end of the program. A draft survey questionnaire or other technique plus description of a methodology to use to link outcomes to original project objectives should be included with the application.

10. *Cost-effectiveness*: The overhead and administrative components of the proposal, including salaries and honoraria, should be kept as low as possible. All other items should be necessary and appropriate.

11. *Cost-sharing*: Proposals should maximize cost sharing through other private sector support as well as institutional direct funding contributions.

AUTHORITY: Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Public Law 87-256, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The purpose of the Act is "to enable the Government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries * * *; to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the United States and other nations * * * and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world." The funding authority for the program above is provided through The Conference Report on the FY-2001 Consolidated Appropriation Act that mandated support for 2001 Tibet Professional and Cultural Exchange Project.

Notice

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Notification

Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal Bureau procedures.

Dated: March 21, 2001.

Helena Kane Finn,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2001-9187]

Tonnage—Application for Simplified Measurement

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of form.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has revised the Application for Simplified Measurement (CG-5397) used to determine vessels' tonnages under the system of Simplified Measurement and has made the form available on the Web site of its Marine Safety Center. The new revision date is 12-00. The new form should help to reduce errors in calculating tonnage. Having it available on our Web site will provide easier access to obtaining the form, as well as information on formulation and estimation of vessels' tonnage.

DATES: The new Application for Simplified Measurement became effective on January 19, 2001. The form is available now. This notice calls for no public comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, contact Mr. Frank Perrini, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Center, Attn: Tonnage Survey Branch, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, telephone (202) 366-6441, e-mail fperrini@msc.uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Congress authorized a system of Simplified Measurement under the Tonnage Measurement Simplification Act of 1980 [Pub. L. 96-594] to provide owners of specific categories of vessels with an alternative to formal measurements of tonnage by the Coast Guard or by authorized measurement organizations. The rules for all domestic measurements of tonnage appear at 46 CFR part 69.

To get a vessel documented under the system for Simplified Measurement, an owner measures it, enters the dimensions on the Application for Simplified Measurement (CG-5397), and submits it to the National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC) along with an Application for Documentation

(CG-1258), title evidence, processing fee, and any other requirement identified by the NVDC. Under some circumstances, in lieu of an Application for Simplified Measurement, the dimensions may be taken from a Builder's Certificate and First Transfer of Title (CG-1261) which has the information in Part III "Dimensions" completed. A documentation officer of the NVDC enters the data into a computer system to calculate the tonnage. If the vessel measures at least five net register tons and qualifies, the NVDC can process the Application for Documentation and issue a Certificate of Documentation reflecting the appropriate tonnage.

Until the advent of personal computers, owners of vessels lacked ready access to the formulas for Simplified Measurement and to copies of CG-5397. Many would have to call the Marine Safety Center (MSC) or the NVDC to determine their vessels' tonnages to compare them with thresholds either for documentation or to meet regulatory requirements. They would also have to ask the NVDC for paper copies of CG-5397.

Beyond the difficulties with obtaining copies of the form, there were a number of problems with the previous version of CG-5397, including these:

(1) Vessels' characteristics covered both sides of the form, requiring submitters and documentation officers, respectively, to fill out and review two sides.

(2) Certain characteristics such as hull material, propulsion type, hull shape, and deckhouse size were ambiguous.

(3) Statements on the regulatory application were not comprehensive.

(4) Nothing gave submitters either a description of the process or instructions on submitting the form.

Discussion

Purpose of Revision

The MSC revised the CG-5397 under its continuous-improvement program to reduce—

- (1) Errors in calculating tonnage;
- (2) The burden on the public in obtaining copies of the form; and
- (3) The need of the public for added information on formulation and estimates of vessels' tonnages.

All of the above serve to save time and resources for owners and builders of vessels, private documentation services, the NVDC, and the MSC.

Approach to Revision

The MSC reformatted the CG-5397 to place all the characteristics of vessels as input data on the obverse (front) page,

and to place definitions of dimensions of vessels, procedures for calculating tonnage and for documentation in general, and instructions on the reverse page. The number of entries on the new form diminished, thus lightening the burden of paperwork on the public.

The MSC uploaded the CG-5397 in its Web site, with a link to the page with forms from the Web site of the NVDC, to provide owners and builders of vessels, and private documentation services, with access to software for calculating tonnage and with the ability to download the form locally on a personal computer.

Access to Form

The new CG-5397 is available on the Web site of the MSC at www.uscg.mil/hq/msc and on the link to the page with forms from the NVDC at www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/vdoc/nvdc.htm.

Superseded CG-5397 Forms

To avoid unnecessary burden to the public, the NVDC will continue to accept older versions of CG-5397 for documentation.

Dated: March 20, 2001.

Howard L. Hime,

Acting Director of Standards.

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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 April 30, 2001.

ADDRESS COMMENTS TO: Records Center, 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 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 or at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

This notice of receipt of applications for new exemptions is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 22, 2001.

R. Ryan Posten,

Exemptions Program Officer, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals.

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
New Exemptions				
12644-N	RSPA-01-9072	Global Composites International, Inc. San Dimas, CA.	49 CFR 173.302(a), 173.304(a)(1), 175.3.	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale and use of non-DOT specification cylinders for use in transporting certain flammable and non-flammable compressed gases. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4)
12645-N	RSPA-01-9068	Draeger Safety, Inc. Pittsburgh, PA.	49 CFR 173.301, 173.34	To authorize transportation in commerce of non-DOT specification cylinders manifolded with one pressure relief device to be used as part of a self contained breathing apparatus for transporting oxygen. (modes 1, 4)
12646-N	RSPA-01-9071	Consani Engineering Elsie River, SA.	49 CFR 178.270, 178.271, 178.272 ..	To authorize transportation in commerce of IM101 and IM102 portable tanks for use in transporting certain classes of hazardous materials. (modes 1, 2, 3)
12647-N	RSPA-01-9062	Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) Green Bay, WI.	49 CFR 173.403, 173.427(b)(1)	To authorize transportation in commerce of two steam generator assemblies as surface contaminated objects that exceed the authorized quantity limitations. (mode 3)
12649-N	RSPA-01-9063	Matheson Tri-Gas East Rutherford, NJ.	49 CFR 173.302(a)(5), 173.302(f)	To authorize transportation in commerce of DOT 3AL cylinders filled with carbon monoxide not authorized for transportation by cargo vessel. (mode 3)