

15 CFR Part 2012. As a result, effective on or after August 25, 1997, imports of beef from Argentina will need to be accompanied by an export certificate in order to qualify for the in-quota tariff rate. In order for the export certificate to be valid, it has to be used in the calendar year for which it is in effect.

Charlene Barshefsky,

United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of The Secretary

Reports, Forms and Record keeping Requirements, Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces that the Information Collection Requests (ICRs) abstracted below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICRs describe the nature of the information collection and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on these collections were published on April 11, 1997 (62 FR page 18828-18829).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before September 11, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Delmer Billings, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards (DHM-10), Research and Special Programs Administration, Room 8102, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590, Telephone: (202) 366-4482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA)

Title: Requirements for Rail Tank Cars—Transportation of Hazardous Materials by Rail. (Former title: Rail Carrier and Tank Car Tank Requirements.)

OMB Control Number: 2137-0559.

Affected Public: Manufacturers, owners and rail carriers of tank cars.

Abstract: This information collection consolidates provisions for detection and repair of cracks, pits, corrosion, lining flaws, thermal protection flaws and other defects of tank car tanks under various provisions in parts 173,

179 and 180 of the HMR. The HMR require facilities that build, repair and ensure the structural integrity of tank cars to develop and implement a quality assurance program; allow the use of non-destructive testing techniques, in lieu of currently prescribed periodic hydrostatic pressure tests, for fusion welded tank cars; require thickness measurements of tank cars, with limited reduced shell thicknesses, for certain hazardous materials; increase the frequency for inspection and testing of tank cars; and other provisions to ensure crash worthiness protection for tank cars.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,659 hours.

Title: Rulemaking, Exemption and Preemption Requirements. (Former title: Rulemaking and Exemption Requirements.)

OMB Control Number: 2137-0051.

Affected Public: Shippers, carriers, packaging manufacturers, and other affected entities.

Abstract: Rulemaking procedures enable RSPA to determine if a rule change is necessary; be consistent with public interest; and maintain a level of safety equal to or superior to that of current regulations. Exemption procedures provide the information required for analytical purposes for approval or denial of requests for exemptions.

Estimated Annual Burden: 4,279 hours.

Title: Cargo Tank Specification Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 2137-0014.

Affected Public: Manufacturers and owners of cargo tanks.

Abstract: This information collection consolidates provisions for manufacture, qualification, maintenance and use of all specification cargo tank motor vehicles. It clarifies certain commodity sections in part 173, reorganizes the cargo tank specifications in part 178 and provides for vacuum-loaded cargo tanks. It includes part 180 requirements governing the maintenance, use, inspection, repair, retest and requalification of cargo tanks used to transport hazardous materials and certain registration requirements in part 107 for persons who are engaged in manufacture, repair or certification of any DOT specification cargo tank or cargo tank manufactured under exemption to transport hazardous materials.

Estimated Annual Burden: 106,262 hours.

Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503,

Attention RSPA Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 5, 1997.

Vanester M. Williams,

Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[CGD 97-048]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the U.S. Coast Guard announces nine Information Collection Requests (ICR) for renewal. These ICRs include: 1. Shipping Articles; 2. Liquid Natural Gas and Liquefied Hazardous Gas Waterfront Facilities; 3. Various Forms and Posting Requirements under 46 CFR concerning Vessel Inspection; 4. 33 CFR Subchapter P—Ports and Waterways Safety; 5. 46 CFR Subchapter S—Subdivision and Stability; 6. Alternative Provisions for Reinspection of Offshore Supply Vessels in Foreign Ports, 46 CFR 91.27-13; 7. Hopper Dredge Working Freeboard; Load Line and Stability; 8. Barge Fleeting Facility Records; and 9. Plan Approval and Records for Tank Passenger, Cargo and Miscellaneous Vessels, Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, Nautical Schools, Oceanographic Vessels and Electrical Engineering. Before submitting the ICR packages to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the U.S. Coast Guard is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collections as described below.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Commandant (G-SII-2), U.S. Coast

Guard Headquarters, Room 6106 (Attn: Barbara Davis), 2100 Second St, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001, or may be hand delivered to the same address between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 267-2326. The comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying by appointment at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Davis, U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Information Management, telephone (202) 267-2326.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The U.S. Coast Guard encourages interested persons to submit written views, comments, data, or arguments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this Notice and the specific ICR to which each comment applies, and give reasons for each comment. The U.S. Coast Guard requests that all comments and attachments be submitted in an unbound format no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If that is not practical, a second copy of any bound material is requested. Persons desiring acknowledgment that their comments have been received should enclose a stamped, self-addressed post card or envelope.

Interested persons can receive copies of the complete ICR by contacting Ms. Davis where indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

Information Collection Requests

1. Title: Shipping Articles.

OMB No. 2115-0015.

Summary: The collection of information requires merchant mariners to complete form CG-705A Shipping Articles before entering the service of a shipping company.

Need: 46 U.S.C. 10302, 10303, 13304, 10307 and 10103, requires a master of a vessel to have each crewmember make a shipping article agreement in writing before proceeding on a voyage.

Respondents: Merchant mariners.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden is 18,000 hours annually.

2. Title: Liquefied Natural Gas and Liquefied Hazard Gas Waterfront Facilities.

OMB No. 2115-0552.

Summary: The collection of information requires owners or operators of waterfront facilities that handle liquefied hazardous gas (LHG) or liquefied natural gas (LNG) to: (a)

provide the Coast Guard with a letter of intent when a facility transfers the gases in bulk; (b) request permission to use an alternative procedure that provide at least the same degree of safety as the regulations; (c) develop and submit to the Coast Guard two copies of the facilities operations manual and emergency manual; (d) certify in writing that each person in charge of shoreside transfer operations is qualified; (e) complete, with the person in charge of vessel transfer operations, a Declaration of Inspection; (f) test and inspect the transfer system to ensure the system will not fail and release hazardous gases; and, (g) provide for the right to appeal the action in these regulations.

Need: 33 CFR, Part 127, Subparts A and C, gives Coast Guard the authority to publish regulations that provide safety standards for the design, construction, equipment, operations, maintenance, personnel training, and fire protection at waterfront facilities handling liquefied natural and hazardous gases.

Respondents: Operators or Owners of waterfront facilities that transfer LNG and LHG.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden is 3,261 hours annually.

3. Title: Various Forms and Posting Requirements under Title 46 CFR, Concerning Vessel Inspections.

OMB No. 2115-0133.

Summary: This collection of information requires owners, operators, agents or masters of certain inspected vessels to obtain and/or post various forms as part of the Coast Guard's Commercial Vessels Safety Program.

Need: Under 46 U.S.C. 2113, 3301, 3304-3313 and 3714, the U.S. Coast Guard is responsible for ensuring the proper administration of the Coast Guard Commercial Vessel Safety Program.

Respondents: Owners, operators, agents or masters of certain inspected vessels.

Frequency: On occasion and every 5 years.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden is 3,300 hours annually.

4. Title: 33 CFR Subchapter P—Ports and Waterway Safety.

OMB No. 2115-0540.

Summary: The collection of information allows the master, owner or agent of a vessel affected by these regulations to request to the Coast Guard, deviation from navigation safety equipment requirements to the extent that there is no reduction in safety.

Need: Title 33 CFR, Subchapter P, allows any person directly affected by these regulations to request a deviation

from any of the requirements as long as the level of safety is not reduced.

Respondents: Master, owner or agents of a vessel.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden is 600 hours annually.

5. Title: 46 CFR Subchapter S—Subdivision and Stability.

OMB No. 2115-0589.

Summary: The collection of information requires owners or operators of inspected vessels to submit plans and information concerning stability to the U.S. Coast Guard to ensure that applicable stability standards are met.

Need: Title 46 U.S.C. 3306, directs the Coast Guard to make appropriate regulations, including standards for vessel stability. This information is used by the U.S. Coast Guard to ensure that a vessel meets the applicable stability standards.

Respondents: Owners or operators of inspected vessels.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden is 19,000 hours annually.

6. Title: Alternative Provisions for Reinspection of Offshore Supply Vessels in Foreign Ports, 46 CFR 91.27-13.

OMB No. 2115-0571.

Summary: The collection of information provides a mechanism for owners and operators of Offshore Supply Vessels (OSV) based overseas to submit certified examination reports and statements to the U.S. Coast Guard as an alternative to Coast Guard reinspection.

Need: Title 46 U.S.C. 3308 gives Coast Guard the authority to examine each vessel subject to inspection at proper times to ensure continued compliance with applicable laws and regulations. This requirement allows the U.S. Coast Guard to ensure that applicable OSV are in compliance.

Respondents: Owners or operators of offshore supply vessels operating in foreign ports.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden is 780 hours annually.

7. Title: Hopper Dredge Working Freeboard; Load line and Stability.

OMB No.: 2115-0565.

Summary: This collection of information provides a mechanism for owners and operators of self-propelled hopper dredges to request a working freeboard.

Need: Title 46 U.S.C. 3703 requires the U.S. Coast Guard to prescribe regulations necessary for navigation and vessel safety. These requirements ensure that self-propelled hopper dredges meet certain structural and stability standards.

Respondents: Owners or operators of self-propelled hopper dredges.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden is 50 hours annually.

8. *Title:* Barge Fleeting Facility Records.

OMB No. 2115-0092.

Summary: This collection of information requires the person in charge of a barge fleeting facility to keep records of the twice daily inspections of the barge mooring and movements of barges and hazardous cargo in and out of the facility.

Need: Title 33 CFR 165.803(i), is designed to prevent barges from breaking away from a fleeting facility and drifting downstream out of control in very congested areas.

Respondents: Person in charge of barge fleeting families.

Frequency: Twice daily and on occasion.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden is 20,000 hours annually.

9. *Title:* Plan approval and records for Tank, Passenger, Cargo and Miscellaneous Vessels, Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, Nautical Schools, Oceanographic Vessels and Electrical Engineering.

OMB No. 2115-0505.

Summary: This collection of information requires the shipyard, designer or manufacturer for the construction of vessels to submit plans, technical information, and operating manuals to the U.S. Coast Guard.

Need: Under 46 U.S.C. 3301 and 3306, the U.S. Coast Guard is responsible for enforcing regulations promoting the safety of life and property in marine transportation. This information is used by the U.S. Coast Guard to ensure that a vessel meets the applicable construction, arrangement and equipment standards.

Respondents: Shipyard, designer or manufacturer of certain vessels.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden is 8,000 hours annually.

Dated: August 6, 1997.

G.S. Steinfort,

Acting Director of Information & Technology.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Training and Qualifications

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of the Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee to discuss training and qualification issues.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 11 at 12:00 noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Regional Airlines Association, Second floor, 1200 19th St. NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Regina L. Jones, (202) 267-9822, Office of Rulemaking, (ARM-100) 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. II), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to discuss training and qualification issues. This meeting will be held September 11, 1997, at 12:00 noon, at the Regional Airline Association. The agenda for this meeting will include a status report from the Air Carrier Pilot Pre-employment Screening Standards and Criteria Working Group.

Attendance is open to the interested public but may be limited to the space available. The public must make arrangements in advance to present oral statements at the meeting or may present statements to the committee at any time. In addition, sign and oral interpretation can be made available at the meeting, as well as an assistive listening device, if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting. Arrangements may be made by contacting the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 6, 1997.

Jean Casciano,

Acting Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33428]

Coach USA, Inc., and Leisure Time Tours—Control and Merger Exemption—Van Nortwick Bros., Inc., The Arrow Line, Inc., and Trentway-Wagar, Inc.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Filing of Petition for Exemption.

SUMMARY: Coach USA, Inc. (Coach), a noncarrier that controls 27 motor passenger carriers, and Leisure Time Tours, d/b/a Leisure Lines (Leisure Time), a motor passenger carrier wholly owned by Coach (collectively, petitioners), seek an exemption, under 49 U.S.C. 13541, from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 14303(a)(5), to acquire control of Van Nortwick Bros., Inc. (Van Nortwick), a motor passenger carrier, and to merge Van Nortwick into Leisure Time, which will be the surviving entity. Coach also seeks an exemption, under 49 U.S.C. 13541, from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 14303(a)(5), to acquire control of The Arrow Line, Inc. (Arrow), and Trentway-Wagar, Inc. (Trentway), motor carriers of passengers.

DATES: Comments must be filed by September 11, 1997. Petitioners may file a reply by September 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send an original and 10 copies of comments referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33428 to: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. Also, send one copy of comments to petitioners' representatives: Betty Jo Christian and David H. Coburn, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, 1330 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Coach and Leisure Time (MC-142011) seek an exemption for Leisure Time to acquire direct stock control and Coach to acquire indirect stock control of Van Nortwick (MC-149025), a motor passenger carrier that operates in interstate and intrastate commerce.¹ Following the acquisition of control and negotiation of a further agreement between the parties, petitioners also seek an exemption to merge Van

¹ Van Nortwick provides charter and tour operations primarily in New Jersey and nearby states.