

NEW EXEMPTIONS—Continued

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
12045-N	RSPA-98-3613	Jefferson Smurfit Corp., Fernandina Beach, FL.	49 CFR 174.67 (i) & (j) ...	To authorize tank cars loaded with chlorine to stand with unloading connections attached after unloading is completed and remain attached to transfer connection without the physical presence of an unloader. (mode 2)
12046-N	RSPA-98-3614	Univ. of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Den- ver, CO.	49 CFR 171 to 178	to authorize the transportation in commerce of various hazardous materials in small quantities inside lab packs without required markings and labelling as essentially non-regulated. (mode 1)

Note: In **Federal Register** Vol. 63, No. 35, Monday, February 13, 1998, Page 9043, Application No. 12038-N, SPA-98-3461 for Duracool Limited, the summary should have appeared as Regulations Affected: 49 CFR 173.304(a), 173.304(d)(3)(ii), 172.301 (a) & (c): To authorize the transportation in commerce of a Division 2.1 liquefied refrigerant gas, in DOT Specification 2Q containers, at a charging pressure in excess of the authorized maximum.

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ACTION: List of applications for modification of 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. This notice is abbreviated to expedite docketing and public notice. Because the sections affected, modes of transportation, and the nature of application have been shown in earlier **Federal Register** publications, they are not repeated here. Requests for modifications of exemptions (e.g., to provide for additional hazardous materials, packaging design changes, additional mode of transportation, etc.) are described in footnotes to the

application number. Application numbers with the suffix "M" denote a modification request. These applications have been separated from the new applications for exemptions to facilitate processing.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 2, 1998.

ADDRESS COMMENTS TO: Dockets Unit, 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 number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Copies of the applications are available for inspection in Dockets Unit, Room 8426, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs
AdministrationOffice of Hazardous Materials Safety;
Notice of Applications for Modification
of Exemption

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Modification of exemption
7835-M	Matheson Gas Products, East Rutherford, NJ (See Footnote 1)	7835
8096-M	Scott High Pressure Technology, Plumsteadville, PA (See Footnote 2)	8096
11270-M	The Specialty Chemicals Div. of B.F. Goodrich, Co., Cleveland, OH (See Footnote 3)	11270
11998-M	RSPA-97-3246	Union Tank Car Co., East Chicago, IN (See Footnote 4)	11998
12018-M	RSPA-98-3348	MVE, Inc., New Prague, MN (See Footnote 5)	12018
12041-M	RSPA-98-3480	General Electric Plastics, Pittsfield, MA (See Footnote 6)	12041

(1) To modify the exemption to provide for an additional pallet design for use in transporting compressed gas cylinders.

(2) To modify the exemption to provide for an alternative material to be used in manufacturing non-DOT specification steel cylinders for use in transporting Division 2.2 material.

(3) To modify the exemption to provide for unloading valves to remain open when rail cars are standing with unloading connections attached.

(4) To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis to authorize the transportation of DOT Specification 105J200W tank cars transporting various hazardous materials not meeting SP B74.

(5) To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis to authorize the bulk transportation of refrigerated liquids in cargo tanks when mounted on motor vehicles and provide for additional tanks.

(6) To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis to use an alternate method of testing of certain cylinders for transporting Division 2.3 material.

This notice of receipt of applications for modification of exemptions is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Hazardous Materials Transportations Act (49 U.S.C. 1806; 49 CFR 1.53(e)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 13, 1998.

J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Exemptions and Approvals.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-531 (Sub-No. 1X)]

Pioneer Valley Railroad Company, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Hampshire County, MA

Pioneer Valley Railroad Company (PVRR) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon an approximately 4.6-mile line of railroad from milepost 9.4 near Easthampton to milepost 14.0 at Mount Tom, in Hampshire County, MA. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 01027.

PVRR has certified that: (1) no local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) any overhead traffic formerly handled on the line can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11

(transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on April 17, 1998, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by March 30, 1998. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by April 7, 1998, with: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Thomas J. Litwiler, Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly, Two Prudential Plaza, 45th Floor, 180 North Stetson Avenue, Chicago, IL 60601.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

PVRR has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's effects, if any, on the environment and historic resources. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by March 23, 1998. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board,

Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565-1545. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), PVRR shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by PVRR's filing of a notice of consummation by March 18, 1999, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Decided: March 10, 1998.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

[T.D. 98-23]

Revocation of Customs Broker License

AGENCY: U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Broker license revocation.

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of Customs, pursuant to Section 641, Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, (19 U.S.C. 1641), and Parts 111.52 and 111.74 of the Customs Regulations, as amended (19 CFR 111.52 and 111.74), is canceling the following Customs broker licenses without prejudice.

Port	Individual	License No.
New York	Warner Forwarders, Inc	14042
New York	Columbia Shipping Inc	04416
Chicago	Columbia Shipping Inc	12462
Los Angeles	Columbia Shipping Inc	06300
New York	Laufer Shipping Co., Inc	02972
New York	Automated Cargo Corp	11494
Los Angeles	Sheung Yip Lee dba YSL Customs Broker	12365
Los Angeles	James G. Wiley	01892
Los Angeles	Charles Chow	06004
Los Angeles	Debra Marie Swanson	06474

¹ The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the

exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

² Each offer of financial assistance must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$900. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25). This fee is scheduled to increase to \$1000, effective March 20, 1998.