

to utilize a secure computerized program of recording hours of duty information which would not comply with the above requirements for a "signature" of the employee or ranking crew member. Amtrak and the FEC propose that each railroad's train and engine employee will have his or her own unique identification number and personal identification number (PIN). The PIN will remain confidential to the employee. When accessing the computer for input of the hours of service record, required by § 228.11, the (PIN) will not appear on the computer screen when the employee enters his or her number. All data entered under access gained through use of the confidential PIN will be electronically stamped with the entering employee's name. The program will display the electronic signature on the employee's hours of duty record. Amtrak and the FEC requests a waiver to use the electronic stamp to satisfy the signature requirements of the "Hours of Service of Railroad Employees." The railroads maintain that the change is in the best interests of all parties, in that, it will reduce unnecessary paperwork and the costs associated therewith while providing the railroads, its employees and the FRA with a superior level of

information on a more timely basis than is currently available.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Delays in Processing of Exemption Applications

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of Applications Delayed more than 180 days.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5117(c), RSPA is publishing the following list of exemption applications that have been in process for 180 days or more. The reason(s) for delay and the expected completion date for action on each application is provided in association with each identified application.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Key to "Reasons for Delay"

1. Awaiting additional information from applicant.
2. Extensive public comment under review.
3. Application is technically very complex and is of significant impact or precedent-setting and requires extensive analysis.
4. Staff review delayed by other priority issues or volume of exemption applications.

Meaning of Application Number Suffixes

N—New application
 M—Modification request
 PM—Party to application with modification request

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Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
NEW EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS			
11540-N	Convenience Products, Fenton, MO	1	7/31/1998
11591-N	Clearwater Distributors, Inc., Woodridge, NY	4	7/31/1998
11682-N	Cryolor, Argancy, 57365 Ennery—France	4	7/31/1998
11687-N	Tri Tank Corp., Syracuse, NY	4	7/31/1998
11699-N	GEO Specialty Chemicals, Bastrop, LA	4	7/31/1998
11735-N	R.D. Offutt Co., Park Rapids, MN	4	7/31/1998
11751-N	Delta Resins & Refractories, Detroit, MI	4	7/31/1998
11761-N	Vulcan Chemicals, Birmingham, AL	4	7/31/1998
11765-N	Laidlaw Environmental Services, Inc., Columbia, SC	4	7/31/1998
11767-N	Ausimont USA, Inc., Thorofare, NJ	4	7/31/1998
NEW EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS			
11774-N	Safety Disposal System, Inc., Opa Locka, FL	1	7/31/98
11783-N	Peoples Natural Gas, Rosemount, MN	4	7/31/98
11815-N	Union Pacific Railroad Co. et al, Omaha, NE	4	7/31/98
11817-N	FIBA Technologies, Inc., Westboro, MA	4	7/31/98
11821-N	Wyoming Department of Transportation, Cheyenne, WY	4	7/31/98
11862-N	The BOC Group, Murray Hill, NJ	4	7/31/98
11882-N	FMC Corporation, Philadelphia, PA	4	7/31/98
11883-N	Brownie Tank Mfg., Co., Minneapolis, MN	4	7/31/98
11884-N	Degussa Corporation, Ridgefield Park, NJ	4	7/31/98
11894-N	Quicksilver Fiberglass Manufacturing Ltd., Strome, Alberta, CN	4	7/31/98
NEW EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS			
11911-N	Transfer Flow, Inc., Chico, CA	4	07/31/1998
11915-N	Lockheed Martin Aeronautical Systems, Marietta, GA	4	07/31/1998
11916-N	CP Industries, Inc., McKeesport, PA	4	07/31/1998
11927-N	Alaska Marine Lines, Seattle, WA	4	07/31/1998
11934-N	UtiliCorp United, Inc., Omaha, NE	4	07/31/1998
11938-N	Steel Shipping Container Institute, Washington, DC	4	07/31/1998
11947-N	Patts Fabrication & Services, Odessa, TX	4	08/31/1998
11954-N	Republic Environmental Systems (PA), Inc., Hatfield, PA	4	08/31/1998
11970-N	Exxon Chemical, Inc., Baytown, TX	4	08/31/1998

Application No.	Applicant	Reason for delay	Estimated date of completion
11971-N	Regional Airline Association, Washington, DC	4	08/31/1998
NEW EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS			
11982-N	Webasto Thermosystems, Inc., Madison Heights, MI	4	09/30/1998
11983-N	Degussa Corporation, Ridgefield Park, NJ	4	09/30/1998
12001-N	Albermarle Corporation, Baton Rouge, LA	4	09/30/1998
12003-N	Degussa Corporation Ridgefield Park, NJ	4	09/30/1998
12004-N	Alfa SA, Portugal	4	09/30/1998
12020-N	Rhone-Poulenc, Inc., Shelton, CT	4	09/30/1998
MODIFICATIONS TO EXEMPTIONS			
3216-M	E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co., Inc., Wilmington, DE	4	09/30/1998
4354-M	PPG Industries, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA	1	07/29/1998
4661-M	Cyprus Foote Mineral Co., Kings Mountain, NC	4	07/29/1998
6610-M	ARCO Chemical Co., Newtown Square, PA	4	07/29/1998
6971-M	Chem Service, West Chester, PA	4	06/30/1998
NEW EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS			
7879-M	Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., Duncan, OK	4	07/29/1998
8556-M	Air Products & Chemicals, Inc., Allentown, PA	4	07/29/1998
0649-M	Propack, Inc., Essington, PA	4	07/29/1998
2669-M	ERMEWA, Inc., Houston, TX	4	07/29/1998
8199-M	Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., Duncan, OK	4	07/30/1998
01381-M	Betz Dearborn, Inc., Trevose, PA	4	07/30/1998
03651-M	U.S. Enrichment Corporation, Bethesda, MD	4	07/30/1998
04291-M	Baker Performance Chemicals, Inc., Houston, TX	4	07/30/1998
06771-M	Primus AB, S-171 26 Solna, SW	4	07/30/1998
09961-M	Kosdon Enterprises, Ventura, CA	4	07/30/1998
NEW EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS			
11058-M	Spex Certiprep Inc., Metuchen, NJ	4	07/30/1998
11167-M	ECO-Pak Specialty Packaging, Elizabethton, TN	4	07/30/1998
11254-M	Schlumberger Oilfield Services, Sugar Land, TX	4	07/31/1998
11375-M	Oceaneering Space Systems, Houston, TX	4	08/31/1998
11378-M	Astrotech Space Operations, Inc., Titusville, FL	4	07/30/1998
11458-M	Reckitt & Colman, Inc., Montvale, NJ	4	07/30/1998
11516-M	Falcon Safety Products, Inc., Somerville, NJ	4	07/30/1998
PARTIES TO EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS WITH MODIFICATION			
11352-PM	PepsiCo, Inc., Arlington, TX	4	07/30/1998

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Submission to OMB for Review;
Comment Request**

June 25, 1998.

The Department of the 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.

Dates: Written comments should be received on or before August 6, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)*OMB Number:* 1545-0685.*Form Number:* IRS Form 1363.*Type of Review:* Extension.*Title:* Export Exemption Certificate.

Description: This form is used by air carriers of property by air to justify the tax-free transport of property. It is used by IRS as proof of tax exempt status of each shipment.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 100,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Recordkeeping: 3 hr., 50 min.

Learning about the law or the form: 18 min.

Preparing, copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS: 22 min.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 450,000 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-0798.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: 26 CFR 31.6001-1: Records in General; 26 CFR 31.6001-2: Additional Records Under FICA; 26 CFR 31.6001-3: Additional Records Under Railroad Retirement Tax Act; 26 CFR 31.6001-5: Additional Records in Connection with Collection of Income Tax at Source on Wages; and 26 CFR 31.6001-6: Notice by District Director Requiring Returns, Statements, or the Keeping of Records.

Description: Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 6001 requires, in part, that every person liable for tax, or for the collection of that tax keep such records and comply with such rules and regulations as the Secretary may from time to time prescribe. 26 CFR 31.6001 has special application to employment taxes. These records are needed to ensure compliance with the Code.