

New Exemptions

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
12029-N	RSPA-98-3384	NACO Technologies, Lombard, IL.	49 CFR 179.14	To authorize the manufacture, mark and sale of specially designed couplers to be used on tank cars used in transporting various classes of hazardous materials. (mode 2)
12030-N	RSPA-98-3389	East Penn Manufacturing Co., Inc., Lyon Station, PA.	49 CFR 173.159(h)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of battery fluid, acid, Class 8, in UN6HG composite packagings tested to Packing Group II test criteria with dry storage batteries, containing no hazardous material, in UN 4G fiberboard boxes. The maximum gross weight will not exceed 81.5 pounds. (modes 1, 3, 4)
12032-N	RSPA-98-3456	Physical Acoustics Quality Services, Lawrenceville, NJ.	49 CFR 173.31(c), 180.509(e)	To authorize the use of acoustic emission non-destructive testing procedure for tank car structural re-certification. (mode 2)
12033-N	RSPA-98-3457	PPG Industries, Inc, Pittsburgh, PA.	49 CFR 180.509(e)	To authorize the use of acoustic emission non-destructive testing procedure for tank car structural re-certification. (mode 2)
12037-N	RSPA-98-3460	The Carbide/Graphite Group, Inc., Louisville, KY.	49 CFR 173.35(b)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of Division 4.3 material in reused UN 13H4 lined woven polypropylene flexible intermediate bulk containers in truckload or carload lots. (modes 1, 2)
12038-N	RSPA-98-3461	Duracool Limited, Edmonton, Alberta, CN.	49 CFR 173.306(a)(3)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of Hydrocarbon Blend B refrigerant gas, Division 2.1, in non-DOT specification containers similar to DOT2Q cans with overpack. (modes 1, 2, 3)
12039-N	RSPA-98-3443	Sun Company, Inc., Philadelphia, PA.	49 CFR 173.319(d)(2)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of liquid refrigerated liquid, Division 2.1, in DOT113C120W tank car tank at a higher pressure than presently authorized. (mode 2)

NOTE: In Federal Register Vol. 63, No. 8, January 13, 1998, Page 1991, Application No. 11986, RSPA-98-3171 and Application No. 11989, RSPA-98-3170 should have appeared as Application No. 11986, RSPA-97-3171 and Application No. 11989, RSPA-97-3170.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Modification of Exemption

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of applications for modification of exemptions.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, exemptions for 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 modes 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 March 10, 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 the Dockets Unit, Room 8426, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC.

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Modification of exemption
7887-M .....	.....	Kosdon Enterprises, Ventura, CA (See Footnote 1)	7887
9610-m .....	.....	Alliant Techsystems Inc., Hopkins, MN (See Footnote 2)	9610
9791-M .....	.....	Pressed Steel Tank Co., Inc., Milwaukee, WI (See Footnote 3)	9791
10996-M .....	.....	Kosdon Enterprises, Ventura, CA (See Footnote 4)	10996
11888-M	RSPA-97-2583	Alliant Techsystems, Inc., Hopkins, MN (See Footnote 5)	11888
11984-M	RSPA-97-3173	Trans World Airlines, Inc., Kansas City, MO (See Footnote 6)	11984
12013-M	RSPA-97-3249	All Pure Chemical Company, Walnut Creek, CA (See Footnote 7)	12013

(1) To modify the exemption to provide for rocket motors and reloadable kits which are classified as Division 1.3G that exceed the 25 gram limitation to be excepted from labeling requirements.

(2) To modify the exemption to provide for the transportation of smokeless powder in DOT-Specification UN 1A2 steel drums as an alternative container.

(3) To modify the exemption to provide for cargo only aircraft as an additional mode of transportation for shipment of non-specification cylinders containing Division 2.2 material.

(4) To modify the exemption to provide for certain rocket motors and explosive articles with propellant charges in excess of 25 grams to be classed as Division 1.3C.

(5) To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis and to modify the exemption to provide for transportation by ocean vessel.

(6) To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis to authorize the transportation in commerce of a second safety mechanism when shipping oxygen generators.

(7) To modify the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis to authorize the discharge of certain Class 8 liquids from IBCs without removing tanks from vehicles.

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

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

J. Suzanne Hedgpeeth,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

[AC-15: OTS No. 03934]

Bay State Federal Savings Bank, Brookline, Massachusetts; Approval of Conversion Application

Notice is hereby given that on February 12, 1998, the Director, Corporate Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of Bay State

Federal Savings Bank, Brookline, Massachusetts, to convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20552, and the Northeast Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 10 Exchange Place, 18th Floor, Jersey City, New Jersey 07302.

Dated: February 18, 1998.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Nadine Y. Washington,

Corporate Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

[AC-14: OTS No. 03309]

First Federal Lincoln Bank, Lincoln, Nebraska; Approval of Conversion Application

Notice is hereby given that on February 12, 1998, the Director, Corporate Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of First Federal Lincoln Bank, Lincoln, Nebraska, to convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20552, and the Midwest Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 122 W. John Carpenter Freeway, Suite 600, Irving, Texas 75039-2010.

Dated: February 18, 1998.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Nadine Y. Washington,

Corporate Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

[AC-13: OTS No. 03545]

First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Hazleton, Hazleton, Pennsylvania; Approval of Conversion Application

Notice is hereby given that on February 12, 1998, the Director,

Corporate Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Hazleton, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, to convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20552, and the Northeast Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 10 Exchange Place, 18th Floor, Jersey City, New Jersey 07302.

Dated: February 18, 1998.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Nadine Y. Washington,

Corporate Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on the Future of VA Long-Term Care

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Future of VA Long-Term Care will be held on February 26-27, 1998, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, in Room 230, located at 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The purpose of the Committee is to provide professional advice on the present scope and structure of VA's long-term care services, and about changes necessary to ensure that services are available and effective in a future healthcare setting. The Committee will begin at 10:00 a.m. (EDT) and continue until 5:00 p.m. (EDT) on February 26 and will begin at 8:30 a.m. (EDT) and continue until 11:45 a.m. (EDT) on February 27.

The agenda for February 26 and 27 will cover review and preparation of the Committee's final report.

The meeting will be open to the public. Those wishing to attend should contact Jacqueline Holmes, Program Assistant, Geriatrics and Extended Care Strategic Healthcare Group at 202-273-8539 not later than February 23, 1998.

Dated: February 11, 1998.

By Direction of the Acting Secretary.

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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