

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Rectifications to the NAFTA Rules of Origin in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of rectifications to the NAFTA rules of origin in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative is providing notice of certain rectifications to the rules of origin for goods covered by the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), as set forth in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS). These rectifications are intended to maintain consistency between the HTS and the NAFTA rules of origin.

DATES: The effective date of the rectifications is March 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel Shub, Associate General Counsel, (202) 395-7305, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Through an exchange of letters in February 2000,

the United States, Mexico, and Canada (the NAFTA Parties) agreed to certain technical rectifications to the rules of origin contained in Annexes 401 and 403.1 of the NAFTA. These rectifications are intended to maintain consistency between Annexes 401 and 403.1 and the tariff schedules of the NAFTA Parties. The appendix to this notice embodies these rectifications in the NAFTA rules of origin set forth in general note 12(t) of the HTS.

Proclamation 6969 of January 27, 1997 (62 FR 4415, January 29, 1997) authorized the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to exercise the authority provided to the President under Section 601 of the Trade Act of 1974 (the 1974 Act), as amended by Public Law 100-418, 88 Stat. 2073 (19 U.S.C. 2483), to embody rectifications, technical or conforming changes, or similar modifications in the HTS. Under authority vested in USTR by Proclamation 6969 and the authority vested in the President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including, but not limited to, section 604 of the 1975 Act and section 202(q) of the NAFTA Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 3332(q)), the rectifications, technical or conforming

changes, and similar modifications set forth in the appendix to this notice shall be embodied in the HTS with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after March 1, 2000.

Dated: February 22, 2000.

Charlene Barshefsky,
United States Trade Representative.

Appendix

Effective with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after March 1, 2000.

- (1) General note 12(t) to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is modified as follows:
- (a) TCR 29.8 is modified by deleting "(A)" and by deleting subdivision (B) of such TCR together with its designation;
 - (b) TCR 85.5A is modified by deleting "tariff item," and by inserting in lieu thereof "subheading,"
 - (c) TCR 85.80(A) is modified by deleting "8471.92" and by inserting in lieu thereof "8471.60";
 - (d) TCR 86.4(B) is modified by deleting "from tariff item" and by inserting in lieu thereof "from tariff items 8607.19.06 or"; and
 - (e) TCRs 87.40 through 87.42, inclusive, are deleted and the following new TCR is inserted in lieu thereof:

- "40. (A) A change to headings 8711 through 8713 from any other heading, including another heading within that group, except from heading 8714, or
(B) A change to headings 8711 through 8713 from heading 8714, whether or not there is also a change from any other heading, including another heading within that group, provided there is a regional value content of not less than:
(1) 60 percent where the transaction value method is used, or
(2) 50 percent where the net cost method is used."

(2) Chapter 29 of the HTS is modified by inserting in numerical sequence the

following new subheading, with the article description at the same level of

indentation as the article description of subheading 2905.49.10:

[2905 Acyclic...]
 [Other...:]

[2905.49 Other:]

"2905.49.20 Esters of glycerol formed with acids of heading 2904 8.2% Free (A*, CA, E, IL, J, K, MX) ... 54.5%"

Conforming change: General note 4(d) is modified by inserting in numerical sequence "2905.49.20 India".

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Department of Transportation, (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended) this notice announces the Department of Transportation's (DOT) intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection for alcohol testing.

Before submitting this information collection to OMB for renewal, DOT is soliciting comments 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 collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before April 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Docket Clerk, Attn: Docket No. OST-99-6578, Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW, Room PL401, Washington DC 20590. Commenters may also submit their comments electronically. Instructions for electronic submission may be found at the following web address: <http://dms.dot.gov/submit/>. The public may

also review docketed comments electronically.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kenneth C. Edgell, DOT Office of Drug and Alcohol Policy and Compliance, Office of the Secretary, S-1, ODAPC, Room 10403, Department of Transportation, at the address above. Telephone: (202) 366-3784.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Office of the Secretary, Drug Program Office

Title: U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Breath Alcohol Testing Form.

OMB Control Number: 2105-0529.

Form Number: 2105-0529.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Entities: Transportation industries.

Abstract: Under the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991, DOT is required to implement an alcohol testing program in various transportation industries. This specific requirement is elaborated in 49 CFR Part 40, Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs.

Breath-alcohol technicians (BAT) must fill out testing form. The form includes the employee's name, the type of test taken, the date of the test, and the name of the employer.

Custody and control is essential to the basic purpose of the alcohol testing program. Data on each test conducted, including test results, are necessary to document tests conducted and actions taken to ensure safety in the workplace.

Estimated Total Burden on Respondents: The estimated annual burden hour is 1. Since this package is simply requesting clearance to use the alcohol testing form, the Office of the Secretary has no actual burden.

Issued in Washington DC.

K.C. Edgell,

Acting Director, Office of Drug and Alcohol Policy and Compliance, United States Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2000-04]

Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption (14 CFR Part 11), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Chapter I), dispositions of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before March 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on any petition in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attn: Rule Docket (AGC-200), Petition Docket No. , 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

Comments may also be sent electronically to the following internet address: 9-NPRM-cmts@faa.gov.

The petition, any comments received, and a copy of any final disposition are filed in the assigned regulatory docket and are available for examination in the Rules Docket (AGC-200), Room 915G, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB 10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591; telephone (202) 267-3132.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cherie Jack (202) 267-7271 or Vanessa Wilkins (202) 267-8029 Office of Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591.

This notice is published pursuant to paragraphs (c), (e), and (g) of § 11.27 of Part 11 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 11).

Issued in Washington, D.C., on February 23, 2000.

Donald P. Byrne,

Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Dispositions of Petitions

Docket No.: 28397.

Petitioner: Tulsa Technology Center.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 65.17(a), 65.19(b), and 65.75(a) and (b).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To permit TTC to (1) administer the FAA oral and practical

tests to students at times and places identified in TTC's operations handbook, (2) conduct oral and practical tests as an integral part of the education process rather than conducting the tests upon student's successful completion of the written tests, (3) approve students for retesting within 30 days after failure without requiring a signed statement certifying additional instruction has been given in the failed area, and (4) administer the aviation mechanic general written test to students immediately following successful completion of the general curriculum, before meeting the experience requirements of § 65.77. *Grant, 01/21/2000, Exemption No. 6569B*

Docket No.: 25559.

Petitioner: Aerospace Industries Association of America, Inc.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 21.182(a) and 45.11(a).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To permit AIA-member aircraft manufacturers to manufacture aircraft for use in operations conducted under 14 CFR part 121 or aircraft intended to be used for commuter operations under 14 CFR part 135 (as defined in 14 CFR part 119) and for export without installing an identification plate during the production phase of the exterior of those aircraft. *Grant, 01/31/2000, Exemption No. 4913F*

Docket No.: 26474.

Petitioner: Deere & Company.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 21.197(a)(1).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To permit Deere to operate its Cessna Model CE-650 aircraft (Registration Nos. N600JD and N900JD; Serial Nos. 650-0236 and 650-0213, respectively) without obtaining a special flight permit when the flaps fail in the up position. *Denial, 01/04/2000, Exemption No. 7103.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2000-05]

Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.