

Type of Request: Request for public comment on a previously approved collection of information.

Abstract: Each tire manufacturer is required to collect and maintain records of the names and addresses of the first purchasers of new tires. To carry out this mandate, 49 CFR part 574 requires tire dealers and distributors to record the names and addresses of retail purchasers of new tires and the identification number(s) of the tires sold. A specific form is provided to tire dealers and distributors by tire manufacturers for recording this information.

The completed forms are returned to the tire manufacturers where they are to remain for three years after the date received by the manufacturer. Additionally, motor vehicle manufacturers were required to record the names and addresses of the first purchasers of new motor vehicles, together with the identification numbers of the tires on the new vehicles.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 245,000 hours.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA 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.

- Whether the Department's estimate for the burden of the proposed information collection is accurate.

- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information or reduce the costs for collecting the required information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

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Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.

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ACTION: Notice of actions on exemption applications.

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 of the actions on exemption applications in January–March 2003. The modes of transportation involved are identified by a number in the "Nature of Application" portion of the table below as follows: 1—Motor vehicle, 2—Rail freight, 3—Cargo vessel, 4—Cargo aircraft only, 5—Passenger-carrying aircraft. Application numbers prefixed by the letters EE represent applications for Emergency Exemptions. It should be noted that some of the sections cited were those in effect at the time certain exemptions were issued.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 26, 2003.

R. Ryan Posten,

Exemptions Program Officer, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Actions on Exemption Applications

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT

Application No.	Exemption No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
MODIFICATION EXEMPTIONS				
8760-M	DOT-E 8760	Barton Solvents, Inc., Des Moines, IA.	49 CFR 172.328, 172.334(b).	To modify the exemption to authorize the transportation of additional Class 3 materials in compartmented cargo tank motor vehicles.
9778-M	DOT-E 9778	Baker Atlas, Houston, TX	49 CFR 173.304, 173.306	To modify the exemption to authorize the transportation of an additional Class 7 material in non-DOT specification packaging.
9909-M	DOT-E 9909	Taylor-Wharton, Harrisburg, PA.	49 CFR 173.301(h), 173.302, 173.304, 173.34(a)(1), 175.3, 178.37.	To modify the exemption to authorize the elimination of the Fracture Toughness Test requirement on non-DOT specification steel cylinders transporting Division 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 materials.
10143-M	DOT-E 10143	Eurocom, Inc., Irving, TX	49 CFR 173.306(a), 178.33a.	To modify the exemption to authorize the transportation of additional Division 2.2 materials in a non-refillable, non-DOT specification inside metal container.
10232-M	DOT-E 10232	Sexton Can Company, Inc., Cambridge, MA.	49 CFR 173.304	To modify the exemption to authorize a capacity increase to 40 cubic inches of the non-refillable, non-DOT specification container for the transportation of Division 2.2 materials.
10880-M	DOT-E 10880	American West Explosives, Inc., Springfield, MO.	49 CFR 172.101 column (8c), 173.114, 173.35(b).	To modify the exemption to authorize the transportation of Division 1.1D, 1.4D, 1.4B, 1.4S and additional 1.5D materials in reusable, flexible intermediate bulk containers.
11099-M	DOT-E 11099	AMKO A Service Company, Gnadenhutten, OH.	49 CFR 173.302(c), 173.34(e).	To modify the exemption to authorize retesting of DOT Specification 3A and 3AA cylinders by acoustic emission (AE) and ultrasonic examination (UE) method for the transportation of Division 2.1 and 2.2 materials.