

Arguments Presented by Ford as to Why a Temporary Exemption Would Be in the Public Interest and Consistent With Objectives of Motor Vehicle Safety

The windshield of the Lincoln Town Car BPS differs from those of armored vehicles produced by other manufacturers in that it will provide "a bullet resistant environment against rifle level threats," as contrasted with "handgun level" threats. According to Ford, "Customers, including certain agencies of the U.S. Government, have expressed a need for vehicles with this level of protection for vehicle occupants." Ford argued that its product will enhance the safety "for those individuals that are either government officials or certain other high profile individuals that are at a higher level of risk for terrorist attacks or assassination attempts." Orders have already been placed by the General Services Administration (GSA) on behalf of two government entities. To emphasize the minimal nature of the noncompliance, Ford enclosed a copy of its test report indicating passage of S4.2 using washer fluid, which has been placed in the docket.

How You May Comment on Ford's Application

If you would like to comment on the application, please do so in writing, in duplicate, referring to the docket and notice number, and mail to: Docket Management, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590.

We shall consider all comments received before the close of business on the date indicated below. Comments are available for examination in the docket in room PL-401 both before and after that date, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. To the extent possible, we also consider comments filed after the closing date. We will publish our decision on the application, pursuant to the authority indicated below.

Comment closing date: August 21, 2003.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30113; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.4.

Issued on July 16, 2003.

Stephen R. Kratzke,

Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Notice of Applications for Exemptions

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of applicants for 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. Each mode of transportation for which a particular exemption is requested is indicated 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.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 21, 2003.

ADDRESS COMMENTS TO: Records Center, 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 application number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the applications (See Docket Number) are available for inspection at the New Docket Management Facility, PL-401, at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 75h Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590 or at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

This notice of receipt of applications for new exemptions is published in accordance with part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 15, 2003.

R. Ryan Posten,

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

NEW EXEMPTIONS

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
13262-N	Symmetricon, Inc., Beverly, MA.	49 CFR 172.400(a), 172.500, 173.211(a), 175.3.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain cesium devices consisting of an inner cylinder enclosed within an outer stainless steel, welded, hermetically sealed cylinder containing Division 4.3 hazardous materials. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
13263-N	Air Products & Chemical, Inc., Allentown, PA.	49 CFR 173.192, 173.201, 173.202, 173.203, 173.226, 173.227, 173.301(f), 173.302(a), 173.304a(a)(2).	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale and use of non-DOT specification, full removable head salvage cylinders for use in overpacking damaged or leaking packages of pressurized and non-pressurized hazardous materials. (mode 1)
13264-N	Trinity Manufacturing, Inc., Hamlet, NC.	49 CFR 172.101, Col 7, SP B14, 173.244.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of non-DOT specification portable tank mounted in an ISO frame that complies with the IMO Type 5 specification and built to ASME Code for use in transporting chloropicrin, Division 6.1. (modes 1, 3)
13265-N	Aeropres Corporation Shreveport, LA.	49 CFR 173.315	To authorize the transportation in commerce of dimethyl ether, in MC-331 cargo tanks with a minimum design pressure of 175 psig. (mode 1)
13266-N	Luxfer Gas Cylinders Riverside, CA.	49 CFR 173.301(h), 173.302(a), 178.46(a)(4), 178.46(c)(i).	To authorize the manufacture, marking, sale and use of non-DOT specification hoop wrapped composite cylinder conforming to DOT FRP-2 for use in storing medical gases. (mode 1)