

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Copies of the application are available for inspection in the Dockets Unit, Room 8426, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC.

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

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J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,
Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals.

NEW EXEMPTIONS

Application No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
11777-N	Morton International, Automotive Safety Products Ogden, UT.	49 CFR 173.301(h), 173.302, 173.306(d)(3).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain cartridges, power devices classed as Division 1.4S and airbag inflators or airbag modules classed as Division 4.1 or Class 9 exempt from the marking and labelling requirements. (modes 1, 4)
11778-N	National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA), Washington, DC.	49 CFR 173.304(a)(2)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of the Faint Object Spectrograph, which contains compressed and liquidified gases in non-DOT specification containers. (modes 1, 4)
11779-N	Columbia Helicopters, Inc., Portland, OR.	49 CFR 173.202, 173.24(c)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of gasoline, Class 3, in UL approved non-bulk polyethylene containers in support of log-cutting operation. (mode 1)
11780-N	Hewlett-Packard Co., Washington, DC.	49 CFR 173.304(a)(2), 175.3	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain x-ray systems containing sulfur hexafluoride, Division 2.2. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
11781-N	USA Jet Airlines, Belleville, MI	49 CFR 171.11, 172.101, 172.204(c)(3), 173.27, 175.30(a)(1), 175.320(b).	To authorize the transportation in commerce of Class 1 explosives that are not permitted for shipment by air or in quantities greater than those prescribed. (mode 4)
11782-N	Aeronex, Inc., San Diego, CA	49 CFR 173.212	To authorize the transportation in commerce of non-specification cylinders constructed of 316L stainless steel for use in transporting a Division 4.2 material. (mode 1)
11786-N	Dow Corning Corp. Midland, MI.	49 CFR 174.67(i) & (j)	To authorize tank cars to remain connected during unloading of various hazardous materials without the physical presence of an unloader. (mode 2)

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Surface Transportation Board

Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from Steptoe & Johnson on behalf of Koch Pipeline Company (WB511-11/8/96), for permission to use certain data from the Board's Carload Waybill Samples. A copy of the request may be obtained from the Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.8.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

[T.D. 96-79]

Announcement of Suspension of Collection of Special Tonnage Taxes and Light Money Upon Entry Into the United States of Vessels of Ukraine

AGENCY: U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the United States has determined that the Government of Ukraine has ceased discriminating against vessels of the United States in the collection of certain fees and taxes from such vessels which enter that country. As a consequence, it has become possible to suspend the collection of special tonnage taxes and light money from vessels of Ukraine upon entering United States ports.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The change discussed in this notice became effective on November 14, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry L. Burton, Office of Regulations and Rulings (202) 482-7040.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Generally, the United States imposes regular and special tonnage taxes, and a duty of a specified amount per ton denominated "light money", on all foreign vessels which enter United States ports (46 U.S.C. App. 121 and 128). Vessels of a foreign nation may, however, be exempted from the payment of such special tonnage taxes and light money upon presentation of satisfactory proof that no discriminatory duties of tonnage or impost are imposed by that foreign nation on United States vessels or their cargoes (46 U.S.C. App. 141). The list of nations whose vessels have been found to be reciprocally exempt from the payment of any higher tonnage duties than are applicable to vessels of the United States and from the payment of light money is found at § 4.22, Customs Regulations (19 CFR 4.22). Nations granted these commercial privileges that subsequently impose discriminatory duties are subject to retaliatory suspension of the commercial privileges (46 U.S.C. App. 141 and 142).

The list of countries in 19 CFR 4.22 is compiled as the result of international agreements between the United States and the governments of those nations listed. Customs either adds or deletes