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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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 from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material 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 mode 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 January 7, 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 CONTACT: 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
10798–M		Olin Corporation, Norwalk, CT [1]	10798
11458–M		Reckitt & Colman, Montvale, NJ [2]	11458
11962–M	RSPA–97–3061	Bayer Corp., Pittsburgh, PA [3]	11962
12007–M	RSPA–97–3225	SCC Products, Hollister, CA [4]	12007
12009–M	RSPA–97–3226	U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC [5]	12009

[1] To modify the exemption to provide for Class 9 as an additional class of material contained in tanks cars which remain standing with unloading connections attached when no product is being transferred.

[2] To modify the exemption to provide for cargo vessel as an additional mode.

[3] To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis to authorize the transportation in commerce of sodium, Division 4.3 in accumulators.

[4] To reissue the exemption originally issued on an emergency basis to authorize the transportation in commerce of chloropicrin, Division 6.1, in reusable DOT4BA260 cylinders equipped with alternative plug.

[5] To reissue exemption originally issued on an emergency basis to authorize the transportation in commerce of anhydrous ammonia in non-specification cylinders.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB–55 (Sub–No. 552X); STB Docket No. AB–290 (Sub-No. 201X)]

CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Raleigh County, WV; Norfolk and Western Railway Company—Discontinuance of Trackage Rights Exemption—in Raleigh County, WV

On December 3, 1997, CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), and Norfolk and Western Railway Company (N&W) [1] filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 for CSXT to abandon and N&W to discontinue trackage rights over approximately 6.24 miles of line between milepost CAR–0.58 at Beckley Junction, WV, and milepost CAR–6.82 at the end of the track at Cranberry, WV, which traverses U.S. Postal Service ZIP Codes 25801, 25813, 25827, 25832, 25919, and 25920, in Raleigh County, WV. The line includes the stations of Beckley, located at milepost CAR–1, Sprague, located at milepost CAR–4, Skelton, located at milepost CAR–5, and Cranberry, located at milepost CAR–6.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in CSXT's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

[1] N&W is a wholly owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Company.