

Certain additional changes are proposed in response to suggestions made by Securities and Exchange Commission staff. They include the addition of a question (item 7B of the Form) to elicit the identify of any "foreign financial regulatory authority" to which the Applicant may be subject. They also include highlighting (on the Instruction Sheet) the responsibility of the Applicant to disclose whether it, or any person associated therewith, is subject to a statutory disqualification, and noting on the Instruction Sheet (No. 8) that any required financial statements must be submitted in English.

Several formatting revisions have also been made, such as italicizing defined terms and providing space for evidencing Exchange staff processing, which make the Form clearer and easier to use.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b)(5)³ that an exchange have rules that are designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest, in that it will enhance the process by which the Exchange reviews, approves, and monitors Approved Persons.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants or Others

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received any written comments with respect to the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

A. By order approve the proposed rule change, or

B. Institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NYSE-00-24 and should be submitted by July 18, 2000.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Delays in Processing of Exemption Applications

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of applications delayed more than 180 days.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5117(c), RSPA is publishing the following list of exemption applications that have been in process for 180 days or more. The reason(s) for delay and the expected completion date for action on each application is provided in association with each identified application.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Suzanne Hedgepeth, Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Exemptions and Approvals, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4535.

Key to "Reasons for Delay"

1. Awaiting additional information from applicant.
2. Extensive public comment under review.
3. Application is technically complex and is of significant impact or precedent-setting and requires extensive analysis.
4. Staff review delayed by other priority issues or volume of exemption applications.

Meaning of Application Number Suffixes

- N—New application.
- M—Modification request.
- PM—Party to application with modification request.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 21, 2000.

J. Suzanne Hedgepeth,

Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals.

NEW EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

| Application No. | Applicant | Reason for delay | Estimated date of completion |
|-----------------|---|------------------|------------------------------|
| 11862-N | The BOC Group, Murray Hill, NJ | 4 | 07/31/2000 |
| 11927-N | Alaska Marine Lines, Inc., Seattle, WA | 4 | 07/31/2000 |
| 12125-N | Mayo Foundation, Rochester, MN | 4 | 07/31/2000 |
| 12142-N | Aristech Chemical Corp., Pittsburgh, PA | 4 | 07/31/2000 |
| 12148-N | Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, NY | 4 | 07/31/2000 |

³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

NEW EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS—Continued

| Application No. | Applicant | Reason for delay | Estimated date of completion |
|-----------------|--|------------------|------------------------------|
| 12158-N | Hickson Corporation, Conley, GA | 4 | 07/31/2000 |
| 12181-N | Aristech, Pittsburgh, PA | 4 | 07/31/2000 |
| 12205-N | Independent Chemical Corp., Glendale, NY | 4 | 07/31/2000 |
| 12248-N | Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp., High Point, NC | 4 | 07/31/2000 |
| 12277-N | The Indian Sugar & General Engineering Corp. ISGE, Haryana, IX | 1 | 07/31/2000 |
| 12281-N | ABS Group, Inc., Houston, TX | 4 | 07/31/2000 |
| 12290-N | Savage Industries, Inc., Pottstown, PA | 4 | 07/31/2000 |
| 12292-N | Westway Trading Corporation, New Orleans, LA | 4 | 07/31/2000 |
| 12307-N | Kern County Dept. of Weights & Measures, Bakersfield, CA | 4 | 07/31/2000 |
| 12325-N | Lifeline Technologies, Inc., Sharon Hill, PA | 4 | 07/31/2000 |
| 12332-N | Automotive Occupant Restraints Council, Lexington, KY | 4 | 07/31/2000 |
| 12339-N | BOC Gases, Murray Hill, NJ | 4 | 07/31/2000 |
| 12341-N | Space Systems/Loral, Palo Alto, CA | 4 | 07/31/2000 |
| 12343-N | City Machine & Welding, Inc. of Amarillo, Amarillo, TX | 1 | 08/31/2000 |
| 12350-N | BAC Technologies, Ltd., West Liberty, OH | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 12351-N | Nalco/Exxon Energy Chemicals, L.P., Freeport, TX | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 12353-N | Monson Companies, South Portland, ME | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 12355-N | Union Tank Car Company, East Chicago, IN | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 12368-N | Occidental Chemical Corp., Dallas, TX | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 12379-N | Western Farm Services, Inc., Walnut Grove, CA | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 12381-N | Ideal Chemical & Supply Co., Memphis, TN | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 12383-N | Sealift Inc., Oyster Bay, NY | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 12386-N | Maine Yankee Atomic Power Co., Wiscasset, ME | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 12388-N | Mountain Safety Research, Seattle, WA | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 12391-N | Airgas Mgmt., Inc., Cheyenne, WY | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 12392-N | Consani Engineering, Elsie's River, SA | 1 | 07/31/2000 |
| 12396-N | United States Alliance, Houston, TX | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 12397-N | FMC Corporation, Philadelphia, PA | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 12398-N | Praxair, Danbury, CT | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 12399-N | BOC Gases, Murray Hill, NJ | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 12401-N | DG Supplies, Inc., Hamilton, NJ | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 12402-N | Taylor-Wharton, Hunstville, AL | 4 | 07/31/2000 |
| 12403-N | Strainrite, Lewiston, ME | 4 | 09/29/2000 |
| 12405-N | Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., Allentown, PA | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 12406-N | Occidental Chemical Corporation, Dallas, TX | 4 | 09/29/2000 |

MODIFICATIONS TO EXEMPTIONS

| Application No. | Applicant | Reason for delay | Estimated date of completion |
|-----------------|---|------------------|------------------------------|
| 8308-M | Tradewind Enterprises, Inc., Hillsboro, OR | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 8556-M | Gardner Cryogenic, Lehigh Valley, PA | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 9266-M | ERMEWA, Inc., Houston, TX | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 9847-M | FIBA Technologies, Inc., Westboro, MA | 4 | 09/29/2000 |
| 10656-M | Conf. of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc., Frankfort, KY | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 10672-M | Burlington Packaging, Inc., Brooklyn, NY | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 10921-M | The Procter & Gamble Company, Cincinnati, OH | 1 | 08/31/2000 |
| 10977-M | Federal Industries Corporation, Plymouth, MN | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 11406-M | Conf. of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc., Frankfort, KY | 4 | 07/31/2000 |
| 11537-M | JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc., Milford, VA | 4 | 07/31/2000 |
| 11722-M | CITERGAS, S.A., Civray, FR | 4 | 09/29/2000 |
| 11769-M | Great Western Chemical Company, Portland, OR | 4 | 07/31/2000 |
| 11769-M | Great Western Chemical Company, Portland, OR | 4 | 07/31/2000 |
| 11769-M | Hydrite Chemical Company, Brookfield, WI | 4 | 07/31/2000 |
| 11777-M | Autoliv ASP, Inc., Ogden, UT | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 11798-M | Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., Allentown, PA | 1, 4 | 07/31/2000 |
| 12056-M | Defense of Defense (MTMC), Falls Church, VA | 4 | 08/31/2000 |
| 12074-M | Van Hool NV, B-2500 Lier Koningshooikt, BG | 1 | 07/31/2000 |
| 12178-M | STC Technologies, Inc., Bethlehem, PA | 1 | 07/31/2000 |

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW-NSV]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**AGENCY:** Office of Planning and Analysis, Department of Veterans Affairs.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Planning and Analysis, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed new collection of information, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information that will be collected by a telephone survey concerning programs and services for veterans.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to

Susan Krumhaus, Office of Assistant Secretary for Planning and Analysis (008A), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-NEW-NSV" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Krumhaus at (202) 273-5108 or FAX (202) 273-5993.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, the Office of Planning and Analysis invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or

the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: National Survey of Veterans (NSV).

OMB Control Number: None assigned.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: The NSV will be conducted in order to obtain current information relevant to the planning and budgeting of VA programs and services for veterans. The information collected from the telephone survey will also enable VA to study its role in the total use of benefits and services by veterans and provide current information about the characteristics of the veteran population. The survey will also provide information needed for research and policy analyses.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 11,667 hours.

Estimated Annual Burden Per Respondent: 35 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Voluntary.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,000.

Dated: May 18, 2000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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