Access to Department of State buildings is strictly controlled, and individual building passes are required for all attendees.

To attend the meeting, please call (202) 205–2178 or (202) 205–2122 and provide your date of birth and Social Security number. Members of the public who have confirmed their attendance must present a photo ID at the security desk before they enter the Department of State and are escorted to the meeting room.

The Advisory Committee on Cultural Diplomacy is responsible for advising the Secretary of State on programs and policies to advance the use of cultural diplomacy in United States foreign policy. This charge includes providing to the Secretary guidance on increasing the presentation abroad of the finest of U.S. creative, visual, and performing arts, as well as strategies for increasing public-private partnerships to sponsor cultural exchange programs that promote the national interests of the United States. An agenda for the committee’s first session will be distributed at the meeting.


Joseph Merante,
Chief, Cultural Programs Division, Office of Citizen Exchanges, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA 2003–15621; Notice 2]

Accuride Corporation; Grant of Application for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

Accuride Corporation (Accuride) has determined that approximately 1,053 Extra Service Wheels, produced between May 27, 2003, and May 31, 2003, do not meet certain requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 120, “Tire Selection and Rims for Motor Vehicles Other Than Passenger Cars.” Some 466 of the 1,053 Extra Service Wheels were shipped to eleven different customers. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h), Accuride has petitioned for a determination that this noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety and has filed an appropriate report pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573, “Defect and Noncompliance Reports.” Notice of receipt of the application was published, with a 30-day comment period, on July 21, 2003, in the Federal Register (68 FR 43254). NHTSA received no comments.

Accuride described the noncompliant wheels as size 22.5 x 8.25 inch, 15 degree drop center, one piece tubeless aluminum dual wheels. Accuride produced these wheels at its Erie, Pennsylvania plant and machined them at the Accuride plant in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. The symbol “DOT” and the designation, which indicates the source of the rims’ published nominal dimensions, in this case “T,” were inadvertently not marked on the wheels. Accuride believes that the omission of the “DOT–T” marking is inconsequential to safety as the omission in no way affects the performance of the wheel and does not otherwise compromise safety. Accuride states that all other information markings required by FMVSS No. 120 are correctly marked.

Paragraph S5.2 of FMVSS 120 requires that each rim be marked with specific information, including a designation indicating the source of the rims’ published nominal dimensions and the symbol “DOT,” constituting a certification by the manufacturer of the rim that it complies with all applicable motor vehicle safety standards. Exclusion of the information may cause mismatching of tires to rims that could result in tire and rim separations or blowouts.

In this case, the agency agrees that the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety as all other information markings, including the correct rim size designation, as required by FMVSS No. 120 are correctly marked and the consumer can refer to these markings to match the rims to tires. Also, the agency traditionally considers failure to mark “DOT” as a failure to certify under 49 CFR Part 567—Certification rather than a failure to comply with a FMVSS. As such, the absence of the “DOT” symbol in this case will not compromise the safe operation of motor vehicles.

In consideration of the foregoing, NHTSA has decided that the applicant has met its burden of persuasion that the noncompliance at issue is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. Accordingly, Accuride’s application is hereby granted, and the applicant is exempted from the obligation of providing notification of, and a remedy for, the noncompliance.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 301118, 301120; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8


Stephen R. Kratzke,
Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB–347 (Sub–No. 3X)]

Florida West Coast Railroad Company, Inc.—Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Alachua and Gilchrist Counties, FL

On February 25, 2004, Florida West Coast Railroad Company, Inc. (FWCR), filed with the Surface Transportation Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon and discontinue service over an approximately 13-mile line of railroad extending from milepost 734.0, in Trenton, to milepost 721.0, in Newberry, in Alachua and Gilchrist Counties, FL. The line traverses United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 32669 and 32693, and includes no stations. The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in FWCR’s possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuing this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by June 14, 2004.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each OFA must be accompanied by a $1,100 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(b)(25).

All interested persons should be aware of the following: rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than April 5, 2004. Each

1 FWCR initially proposed a consummation date of April 15, 2004. FWCR’s representative has subsequently acknowledged that, if its petition is granted, consummation cannot occur before the Board has authorized the proposed abandonment and discontinuance.
trail use request must be accompanied by a $150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(d)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-347 (Sub-No. 3X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423–0001; and (2) David H. Anderson, Law Office of David H. Anderson, 288 Littleton Road, Suite 21, Westford, MA 01886. Replies to the FWCR petition are due on or before April 5, 2004.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment and discontinuance procedures may contact the Board’s Office of Public Services at (202) 565–1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board’s Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565–1539. (Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.)

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary), prepared by SEA, will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days after the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

Board decisions and notices are published in the Federal Register. A copy of the Register may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 15, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545–1870.

Type of Review: Extension.

Description: The information required to be retained by taxpayers will constitute sufficient documentation for purposes of substantiating a deduction. The information will be used by the agency on audit to determine the taxpayer’s entitlement to a deduction. The respondents include taxpayers who engage in certain transactions involving the acquisition of a trade or business or an ownership interest in a legal entity. Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 10.

Estimated Burden Hours: 1 hour.

Recordkeeping Burden: 3,000 hours.

Clearance Officer: Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6411–03, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, (202) 622–3428.


Lois K. Holland, Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request


The Department of the Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 11000, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 15, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545–1869.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Information Return for Acquisition of Control or Substantial Change in Capital Structure.

Description: Form 8806 is used to report information regarding transactions involving acquisition of control or substantial change in capital structure under section 6043.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 10.

Estimated Burden Hours: 1 hour.

Recordkeeping Burden: 113 hours.

Clearance Officer: Glenn P. Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6411–03, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, (202) 622–3428.


Lois K. Holland, Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[PS–163–84]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and