

Furthermore, under the training requirements in § 172.704(a)(2), each hazmat employee must be provided function-specific training concerning requirements of the HMR, and exemptions or special permits issued under subchapter A of Title 49 that are specifically applicable to the functions the employee performs.

Non-compliance with SP package requirements has serious safety consequences. PHMSA seeks to encourage compliance by aggressively enforcing SP safety standards and increasing its awareness and outreach efforts.

Accordingly, PHMSA is publishing this safety notice to further promote awareness of the ongoing safety concern and ensure that industry is aware of its responsibilities associated with the offering and transportation of hazardous materials in SP packaging, the current regulatory requirements applicable to such transportation, and that regulatory violations will be prosecuted to the maximum extent permitted under the law.

Persons who violate the HMR may be subject to significant civil penalties and/or criminal fines and imprisonment. Maximum civil penalties may be imposed of up to \$55,000 per violation or \$110,000 per violation if a death, serious illness, or severe injury occurs to a person or substantial destruction of property. Potential criminal penalties include fines of up to \$500,000 and/or ten years in jail.

More detailed information on the requirements in the HMR governing the offering and transportation of SP packages is available on DOT's Hazmat Safety Web site: <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat>. The HMR are also accessible through PHMSA's Web site, and answers to specific questions may be obtained from the Hazardous Materials Information Center at 1-800-467-4922 (in Washington, DC, call 202-366-4488).

### III. Recommended Action

PHMSA recommends that industry institute quality control measures to identify and properly handle DOT SP packages and packages containing hazardous materials in general:

(1) Shippers and carriers should stress the importance of recognizing an SP package to their employees. The importance of recognizing an SP package should be given the same level of attention as when they determine whether a packaging specification meets a UN standard or DOT specification. This is especially important to those operations that re-ship packages.

(2) Once a person has identified a DOT SP package, that person should obtain a current copy of the SP and review it for applicable requirements. Copies of SPs may be obtained from PHMSA's Web site at: <http://phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/regs/sp-a/special-permits>. The person should also review the HMR requirements applicable to SP packages.

(3) Shippers and carriers should evaluate hazardous materials training programs and communication protocols in their operations with respect to recognizing and handling SP packages to ensure that the subject is discussed and included during knowledge testing. Any person performing a function required by an SP or shipping an SP package is required to receive "function-specific" training of the requirements contained in each special permit.

(4) Third-party hazardous materials or dangerous goods instructors, consultants, and others, should review their training programs to ensure that the subject of SP packages is discussed and included during knowledge testing.

(5) Shippers should implement or review existing pre-shipment procedures to ensure that a particular packaging is prepared as authorized by an SP and/or the HMR and that all communication requirements have been met.

These recommendations are not exclusive; we hope that industry representatives will use the information provided herein, together with any other available information, to consider other reasonable measures they believe appropriate to increase awareness of DOT SPs and their responsibility in the handling and transporting such packages.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 24, 2011.

The Department of the Treasury will submit the following public information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. A copy of the submission may be obtained by

contacting the Treasury Departmental Office Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury PRA Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 11010, Washington, DC 20220.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before September 29, 2011 to be assured of consideration.

### Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC)

*OMB Number:* 1505-0198.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* Requirement to Report Information About the Shipment of Rough Diamonds.

*Abstract:* The information collection is needed to monitor the integrity of international rough diamond shipments.

*Respondents:* Private Sector; Businesses or other for-profits.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,750.

*Departmental Office Clearance Officer:* James Earl, DO/Office of Foreign Assets Control, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Rm. 5205, Washington, DC 20220; (202) 622-1947

*OMB Reviewer:* Shagufta Ahmed, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503; (202) 395-7873.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8308

**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 other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13(44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8308, Report of a Sale or Exchange of Certain Partnership Interests.