Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Modification of Exemption
7657–M		Welker Engineering Company, SugarLand, TX (see Footnote 1)	7657
9221–M		Applied Companies, Valencia, CA (See Footnote 2)	9221
9880–M		GE Reuter-Stokes, Twinsburg, OH (See Footnote 3)	9880
9940–M		GE Reuter-Stokes, Twinsburg, OH (See Footnote 4)	9940
11316–M		TRW Automotive Occupant Safety Systems, Queen Creek, AZ (See Footnote 5)	11316
11803–M		Chart, Inc. (Storage Systems Div.), Plaistow, NH (See Footnote 6)	11803
12339–M	RSPA–99–6201	Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., Allentown, PA (See Footnote 7)	12339
12866–M	RSPA–01–11096	Delta Air Lines (Technical Operations Center), Atlanta, GA (See Footnote 8)	12866
12885–M	RSPA–01–11209	United States Dept. of Agriculture, Missoula, MT (See Footnote 9)	12885

(1) To modify the exemption to authorize the transportation of an additional Division 2.3 material in non-DOT specification cylinders.
(2) To modify the exemption to authorize cargo vessels as an additional mode for transporting Division 2.2 materials in non-DOT specification stainless steel cylinders.
(3) To modify the exemption to authorize the transportation of an additional Division 2.2 material in non-DOT specification containers described as hermetically sealed electron tube devices.
(4) To modify the exemptions to authorize the transportation of an additional 2.2 materials in non-DOT specification containers described as hermetically sealed electron tube devices.
(5) To modify the exemption to authorize the transportation of a Division 1.4G and additional 1.4S material for shipment to additional TRW facilities and to increase quantity of power devices or igniters per tray from 16 to 36.
(6) To modify the exemption to authorize an increase of the maximum gross weight on rail from 263,000 lbs. to 286,000 lbs. for the transportation of Division 2.2 materials in DOT Specification tank cars.
(7) To modify the exemption to authorize the transportation of an additional Division 2.3 material in DOT Specification 3AL aluminum cylinders via cargo vessel.
(8) To reissue the exemption orginally issued on an emergency basis and to remove certain special provisions/requirements for the non-DOT specification cylinders containing Division 2.2 materials that have inadvertently been mis-marked.
(9) To reissue the exemption orginally issued on an emergency basis for the transportation of gasoline in a non-DOT specification steel drum with a pump installed mounted in a helitorch frame.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[REG–242282–97]

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 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 an existing final regulation, REG–242282–97 (TD 8734), General Revision of Regulations Relating to Withholding of Tax On Certain U.S. Source Income Paid to Foreign Persons and Related Collection, Refunds and Credits; Revision of Information Reporting and Backup Withholding Regulations; and Removal of Regulations Under Part 35a and of Certain Regulations Under Income Tax Treaties (1.1441–1(e), 1.1441–4(a)(2), 1.1441–4(b)(1) and (2), 1.1441–4(c), (d), and (e), 1.1441–5(b)(2)(ii), 1.1441–5(c)(1), 1.1441–6(b) and (c), 1.1441–8(b), 1.1441–9(b), 1.1461–1(b) and (c), 301.6114–1, 301.6402–3(e), and 31.3401(a)(6)–1(e)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 1, 2002, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to George Freeland, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the regulation should be directed to Larnice Mack, (202) 622–3179, or through the internet (*Larnice.Mack@irs.gov*), Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: General Revision of Regulations Relating to Withholding of Tax on Certain U.S. Source Income Paid to Foreign Persons and Related Collection, Refunds and Credits; Revision of Information Reporting and Backup Withholding Regulations; and Removal of Regulations Under Part 35a and of Certain Regulations Under Income Tax Treaties.

OMB Number: 1545–1484.

Regulation Project Number: REG–242282–97 (formerly INTL–62–90; INTL–32–93; INTL–52–86; INTL–52–94).

Abstract: This regulation prescribes collections of information for foreign persons that received payments subject to withholding under sections 1441, 1442, 1443, or 6114 of the Internal Revenue Code. This information is used to claim foreign person status and, in appropriate cases, to claim residence in a country with which the United States has an income tax treaty in effect, so that withholding at a reduced rate of tax may be obtained at source. The regulation also prescribes collections of information for withholding agents. This information is used by withholding agents to report to the IRS income paid to a foreign person that is subject to withholding under Code sections 1441, 1442, and 1443. The regulation also requires that a foreign taxpayer claiming a reduced amount of withholding tax under the provisions of an income tax treaty must disclose its reliance upon a treaty provision by filing Form 8833 with its U.S. income tax return.

Current Actions: There is no change to this existing regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions, farms, and Federal, state, local or tribal governments.

The burden for the reporting requirements is reflected in the burden of Forms W–8BEN, W08ECI, W–8EXP,

W–8IMY, 1042, 1042S, 8233, 8833, and the income tax return of a foreign person filed for purposes of claiming a refund of tax.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: January 24, 2002.

George Freeland,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OTS is soliciting public comments on the proposal.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before March 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to OMB and OTS at these addresses: Alexander Hunt, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or e-mail to *ahunt@omb.eop.gov;* and Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, fax to (202) 906–6518, or e-mail to *infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov.* OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at *www.ots.treas.gov.* In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906–5922, send an e-mail to *publicinfo@ots.treas.gov*, or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906–7755.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the submission to OMB, contact Sally W. Watts at *sally.watts@ots.treas.gov*, (202) 906–7380, or facsimile number (202) 906–6518, Regulations and Legislation Division, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

Title of Proposal: Minority Thrift Certification Form.

OMB Number: 1550–0096.

Form Number: OTS Form 1661.

Description: This information is needed to help OTS remain a reliable source of information regarding the universe of minority-owned thrifts, in accordance with our responsibilities under Section 308 of the Financial Information Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989 (12 U.S.C. 1463 note).

Type of Review: Renewal.

Affected Public: Savings Associations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 32.

Estimated Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Burden Hours per Response: .5 hours.

Estimated Total Burden: 16 hours.

Clearance Officer: Sally W. Watts, (202) 906–7380, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander Hunt, (202) 395–7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: January 24, 2002.

Deborah Dakin,

Deputy Chief Counsel, Regulations and Legislation Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Means Test Thresholds

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by law, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is hereby giving notice of cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) for means test income limitations. These adjustments are based on the rise in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) during the one-year period ending September 30, 2001.

DATES: These rates are effective January 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roscoe Butler, Chief Policy and Operations, Health Administration Service, (10C3), Veterans Health Administration, VA, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273–8302. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 1 of each year, the Secretary is authorized under Title 38 United States Code, section 1722 to increase the means test income threshold levels by the same percentage the maximum rates of pension benefits were increased under section 5312(a) during the preceding calendar year. The means test income thresholds are used by the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) to determine whether a veteran must agree to pay a copayment for hospital and outpatient medical care services. Based on a 2.6 percent increase in Pension Benefits effective December 1, 2001, and in accordance with 38 CFR 3.29, the following income limitations for the Means Test Thresholds will be effective January 1, 2002.

Table 1—Means Test Thresholds

(1) Veterans with no dependents:
(a) Below Means Test Threshold: $24,304
(a) Above Means Test Threshold: $24,305
(2) Veterans with 1 dependent:
(a) Below Means Test Threshold: $29,168
(a) Above Means Test Threshold: $29,169
(3) Veterans with 2 dependents:
(a) Below Means Test Threshold: $30,798
(a) Above Means Test Threshold: $30,799