

treatment and nondiscriminatory treatment for imported goods, especially in the area of domestic taxation and requirements for and restrictions on the right to import and export goods; (d) transparency in application of trade laws and regulations; (e) right of appeal in cases involving application of trade laws and other laws relating to WTO provisions, such as protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights (IPR) and services; (f) customs processing issues, such as document certification prior to export, fees, customs valuation, and certification requirements for imports; (g) industrial export and domestic subsidies; (h) agricultural export subsidies and domestic supports and incentives; (i) safeguard and unfair trade practice procedures applied to imports; (j) plant, animal, and human health and safety requirements, including sanitary and phytosanitary requirements; (k) technical barriers to trade; (l) utilization of preshipment inspection services; (m) application of rules of origin; (n) activities of state trading enterprises, including restrictions and other trade-distorting practices made effective through state trading; (o) price controls and policies; (p) foreign exchange controls that act as barriers to trade and investment; (q) preferential trade arrangements, including membership in free trade arrangements or customs unions; (r) government procurement practices; (s) policies concerning trade in civil aircraft; (t) the trade-related aspects of investment policies; and (u) the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights.

Market access issues for services of interest to the TPSC include, but are not limited to, (a) transparency in application of trade laws and regulations and the right of appeal in cases involving foreign service suppliers; (b) the right to establish a commercial presence in a foreign market to supply services; (c) the right to travel across national borders to make use of a service; (d) the ability to supply services when neither the supplier nor consumer travel, for example, via electronic means; and (e) the right to enter a foreign market temporarily to provide services.

Information on products or practices subject to these negotiations should include, whenever appropriate or possible, the import or export tariff classification number used for the product concerned, the CPC number used for classification of the services sector concerned, or the official citation of the law or regulation being discussed.

Persons submitting written comments should provide a statement, in twenty

(20) copies, by noon, Wednesday, May 15, 2002, to Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, TPSC, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508. Where possible, please supplement written comments with a computer disk of the submission containing as much of the technical details as possible. The disk should have a label identifying the software used and the name of the respondent. Written comments submitted, except for information granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6, will be available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room (Room 101) at the address noted above. An appointment to review the file may be made by calling the Reading Room at (202) 395-6186. The Reading Room is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Business confidential information, including any information submitted on disks, will be subject to the requirements of 15 CFR 2003.6. Any business confidential material must be clearly marked as such on the cover letter or page and each succeeding page, and must be accompanied by a non-confidential summary thereof. If the submission contains business confidential information, twenty copies of a public version that does not contain confidential information must be submitted. A justification as to why the information contained in the submission should be treated confidentially must be included in the submission. In addition, any submissions containing business confidential information must be clearly marked "Confidential" at the top and bottom of the cover page (or letter) and each succeeding page of the submission. The version that does not contain confidential information should also be clearly marked, at the top and bottom of each page, "public version" or "non-confidential."

Carmen Suro-Bredie,

Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2002-11722]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Request for Comments; Clearance of a New Information Collection; Public Knowledge of Highway Programs

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for a new information collection. The collection involves a small business research study that is looking into the potential for a national public education program on various highway programs. During a small-scale trial the public will be asked via the web and mailings to comment on local construction issues and proposals. The information collected will be used solely to determine if response levels and public involvement would justify developing the approach across a larger cross-section of the United States population. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by May 20, 2002.

ADDRESSES: You may mail or hand deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; telefax comments to 202/493-2251; or submit electronically at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. All comments should include the docket number in this notice's heading. All comments may be examined and copied at the above address from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you desire a receipt you must include a self-addressed stamped envelope or postcard or, if you submit your comments electronically, you may print the acknowledgment page.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kathleen Bergeron, 415-744-2613, Marketing Specialist, Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Western Resource Center, Suite 2100, 201 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94105 or e-mail to kathleen.bergeron@fhwa.dot.gov. Office hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., p.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Public Knowledge of Highway Programs.

Background: Following a study performed under the DOT Small Business Innovative Research initiative, the FHWA plans to test some of the proposed ideas for increasing public education and awareness of various highway programs. These include involvement of the public early in the planning process by disseminating accurate and understandable information through a combination of Web sites and regular updates sent to local media, schools and colleges. We do not anticipate using every method in all instances, but will use a series of small-scale demonstrations to evaluate the effectiveness of each approach. Respondents will be asked for views and opinions about any local FHWA initiatives by using media coverage of local projects, Web site information, local mass mailings, or coverage on local cable television channels. We anticipate making maximum use of web-based e-learning and visualization technologies to present the information. We will evaluate which approaches are best.

Respondents: Approximately 200, including the general public, metropolitan planning organizations, various state transportation departments, local/municipal planning departments, schools and colleges.

Frequency: This is a one-time survey for the purposes of this study only.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 30 minutes per questionnaire.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 100.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and

clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burdens could be minimized, including use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Electronic Access: Internet users may access all comments received by the U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, by using the universal resource locator (URL): <http://dms.dot.gov>. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Please follow the instructions online for more information and help. An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded using a modem and suitable communications software from the Government Printing Office Electronic Bulletin Board Service at telephone number 202-512-1661. Internet users may reach the **Federal Register's** home page at <http://www.nara.gov/fedreg> and the Government Printing Office's database at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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James R. Kabel,
Chief, Management Programs, and Analysis Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Research and Special Programs Administration****Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Exemptions**

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of applicants for exemptions.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, exemptions from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR Part 107, Subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the applications described herein. Each mode of transportation for which a particular exemption is requested is indicated by a number in the "Nature of Application" portion of the table below as follows: 1—Motor vehicle, 2—Rail freight, 3—Cargo vessel, 4—Cargo aircraft only, 5—Passenger-carrying aircraft.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 22, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Records Center, 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 application number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Copies of the applications (See Docket Number) are available for inspection at the New Docket Management Facility, PL-401, at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590 or at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

This notice of receipt of applications for new exemptions is published in accordance with Part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Dated: Issued in Washington, DC, on March 15, 2002.

R. Ryan Posten,

Exemptions Program Officer, Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals.

NEW EXEMPTIONS

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
12941-N	The Neiman Marcus Group, Longview, TX.	49 CFR 172, subparts C, D, E.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain limited quantities of class 3 material that meet the definition of "consumer commodities" to be transported without marking, labeling and shipping papers. (Modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.)
12943-N	Nitrochem LLC, Newell, PA.	49 CFR 172.203(a), 173.31(c)(1), 179.13.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain Class 8 materials in DOT Class 120J tank cars with a maximum gross weight on rail greater than 263,000 pounds but not greater than 286,000 pounds. (Mode 2.)
12944-N	Wabash Alloys, L.L.C., Wabash, IN.	49 CFR 174.67(i) & (j) ...	To authorize rail cars to remain connected while standing without the physical presence of an unloader. (Mode 2.)