

writing MAC. These documents are also available for public inspection at MAC's General Offices. Comments to MAC on the proposed restriction should be received by January 23, 1992, 45 days after the MAC publication date.

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W. Robert Billingsley,

Manager, Airports Division, Great Lakes Region.

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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Aviation Security Advisory Committee; Meetings

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Aviation Security Advisory Subcommittee Meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Security Operations Subcommittee of the Aviation Security Advisory Committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 7, 1992, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m..

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the MacCracken Room, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

The Office of the Assistant Administrator for Civil Aviation Security, ACS, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone 202-267-9863.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. app. II), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Security Operations Subcommittee of the Aviation Security Advisory Committee to be held January 7, 1992, in the MacCracken Room, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC.

The agenda for the meeting is a discussion on the carriage of weapons aboard aircraft. Attendance at the January 7, 1992 meeting is open to the public but limited to space available. Members of the public may address the committee only with the written permission of the chair, which should be arranged in advance. The chair may entertain public comment if, in its judgment, doing so will not disrupt the orderly progress of the meeting and will not be unfair to any other person. Members of the public are welcome to

present written material to the committee at anytime.

Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the Office of the Assistant Administrator for Civil Aviation Security, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone 202-267-9863.

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O.K. Steele,

Assistant Administrator for Civil Aviation Security.

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Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for a Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with 49 CFR 211.9 and 211.41, notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received from South Branch Valley Railroad a request for waiver of compliance with a requirement of Federal power brake standards. The petition is described below, including the regulatory provisions involved, and the nature of the relief being requested.

South Branch Valley Railroad

(Waiver Petition Docket Number PB-91-5)

South Branch Valley Railroad (SBVR) seeks a permanent waiver of compliance with certain provisions of the Railroad Power Brakes and Drawbars Regulations (49 CFR part 232). SBVR is requesting that it be permitted to operate a non self-propelled crane without air brakes. The crane was built in 1952 with a straight air brake system only. There is no automatic air brake system on the crane but it does have a brake pipe extending from one end to the other. The carrier proposes to operate the crane in trains under the following conditions:

1. The crane would be operated with a locomotive at one end and an idler car with operating air brakes at the other end.

2. Maximum speed would be 10 mph.

3. The crane would not be interchanged to any other railroad.

The waiver would exclude the crane from the requirements of §§ 232.12 and 232.13 that each car have an operating air brake during the initial terminal road train air brake test and intermediate terminal train air brake test.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in

connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number PB-91-5) and must be submitted in triplicate to the Docket Clerk, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Communications received before January 27, 1992, will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) in room 8201, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

Issued in Washington, DC on December 12, 1991.

Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Associate Administrator for Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. 91-11]

Exemptions Potentially Affected by Docket No. HM-181 on Performance Oriented Packaging Standards

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice to exemption holders.

SUMMARY: This notice advises DOT exemption holders to review their exemptions from specific requirements of the Hazardous Materials Regulations to determine whether their exemptions could be eliminated as a result of a final rule published in the *Federal Register* on December 21, 1990, and revisions thereto published as Part II elsewhere in this issue of the *Federal Register* entitled "Performance-Oriented Packaging Standards: Revisions and Responses to Petitions for Reconsideration."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Suzanne Hedgepeth, 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, telephone (202) 366-4535 or Fax No. (202) 366-3753.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Numerous substantive amendments are contained in a final rule published under Docket HM-181 on December 21, 1990 (55 FR 52402) and revisions thereto published as part II elsewhere in this issue of the *Federal Register* entitled "Performance-Oriented Packaging Standards: Revisions and Responses to Petitions for Reconsideration." These changes include hazardous materials descriptions, classification criteria and new packaging requirements.

RSPA sent a notice to persons who hold exemptions, authorizing the use of non-bulk packagings, which are potentially affected by the performance-oriented packaging changes adopted under HM-181. RSPA anticipates the phase-out of exemption packagings no longer necessary due to performance-based standards of the final rule, and has advised exemption holders to reexamine the terms of their exemptions to determine whether they are still necessary. The notice follows:

Notice to Exemption Holders

Our records indicate that you are the holder of a DOT exemption potentially affected by a recent final rule.

On December 21, 1990, the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) published a final rule in the *Federal Register* (55 FR 52402) under Docket HM-181 (herein referred to as "HM-181").

HM-181 makes significant changes to the Hazardous Materials Regulations (Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, parts 170-180 or "HMR") with respect to hazardous materials descriptions, classification and packaging requirements.

Under HM-181, performance-oriented packaging standards based on United Nations (UN) standards will eventually replace non-bulk DOT packaging specifications. The final rule is effective October 1, 1991. Transitional provisions contained in this final rule generally permit the continued manufacture of non-bulk DOT specification packagings until October 1, 1994 and permit the continued use of these packagings until October 1, 1996. New packaging provisions for materials which are poisonous by inhalation are effective October 1, 1993.

The provisions of HM-181 eliminate the need for many current exemptions and will necessitate the modification of many others. Some exemption packagings partially or fully meet the newly-adopted UN performance

standards. Manufacturing and marking them in accordance with HM-181 will eliminate the need for these exemptions. Other exemption packagings may not provide a level of safety equivalent to that provided under the provisions of HM-181 and, therefore, may not be eligible for continued use after HM-181 becomes effective. Other exemptions may require modification based on the new provisions.

We request that you carefully review both HM-181 and your exemption to determine if the exemption can be either terminated before its expiration date or not renewed upon expiration. Please notify RSPA's Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals (OHMEA) if the exemption can be terminated. In instances where you intend to apply for renewal, ensure that the application identifies any modifications necessitated by changes in HM-181 and adequately demonstrates that the modified exemption provides a level of safety equivalent to the new provisions [see 49 CFR 107.103(b)(9)].

OHMEA staff will be independently reviewing current exemptions and renewal applications and may, in some limited instances, notify exemption holders that an exemption will be considered for termination. The exemption holder will be given the opportunity to show cause why such action should not be taken. In general, exemptions would not be terminated prior to the effective dates contained in HM-181.

The changes embodied in HM-181 will appear in the 1991 edition of the HMR. Copies of Docket HM-181 may be purchased from the Government Printing Office.

Due to the diversity of the HM-181 amendments, other exemptions may also be affected. Therefore, all exemption holders are requested to reexamine the terms of their exemptions in view of the changes adopted under HM-181. Comments concerning an exemption should identify the exemption number and be submitted to RSPA's Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals.

Issued in Washington, DC on December 17, 1991.

Alan I. Roberts,

Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Agreement on Government
Procurement, as Implemented by the
Trade Agreements Act of 1979, as
Amended; Notice of Value of Special
Drawing Rights**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Under the authority delegated to the United States Trade Representative by sections 1-104 and 1-201 of Executive Order 12260, I hereby determine that effective on January 1, 1992, the dollar equivalent of 130,000 Special Drawing Right units as referred to in the Agreement on Government Procurement and section 1-104 of Executive Order 12260, and as most recently modified by USTR determination on January 1, 1990 (55 FR 185), is \$176,000.00. The \$172,000 amount announced effective January 1, 1990, remains in effect through December 31, 1991.

This determination may be modified as appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Fuortes, Director for Government Procurement, Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20506 (202) 395-3063. Carla A. Hills, *United States Trade Representative.* [FR Doc. 91-30477 Filed 12-19-91; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3190-01-M

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS**

**Information Collection Under OMB
Review**

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has submitted to OMB the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). This document lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection, and the Department form number(s), if applicable; (2) a description of the need and its use; (3) who will be required or asked to respond; (4) an estimate of the total annual reporting hours, and recordkeeping burden, if applicable; (5) the estimated average burden hours per respondent; (6) the frequency of