

commercial enterprise or offers a hazardous material for transportation in commerce. Person does not include the following:

- (1) The United States Postal Service.
- (2) Any agency or instrumentality of the Federal government, for the purposes of 49 U.S.C. 5123 (civil penalties) and 5124 (criminal penalties.)
- (3) Any government or Indian tribe (or an agency or instrumentality of any government or Indian tribe) that transports hazardous material for a governmental purpose.

*Registration* means a written acknowledgment from the Associate Administrator that a registrant is authorized to perform a function for which registration is required under subchapter C of this chapter (e.g., registration in accordance with 49 CFR 178.503 regarding marking of packagings). For purposes of subparts A through E, "registration" does not include registration under subpart F or G of this part.

*Report* means information, other than an application, registration or part thereof, required to be submitted to the Associate Administrator pursuant to this subchapter, subchapter B or subchapter C of this chapter.

*Respondent* means a person upon whom the RSPA has served a notice of probable violation.

*State* means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, or any other territory or possession of the United States designated by the Secretary.

*Transports* or *transportation* means the movement of property and loading, unloading, or storage incidental to the movement.

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## Subpart B—Exemptions

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### § 107.101 Purpose and scope.

This subpart prescribes procedures for the issuance, modification and termination of exemptions from requirements of this subchapter, subchapter C of this chapter, or regulations issued under chapter 51 of 49 U.S.C.

### § 107.105 Application for exemption.

(a) *General.* Each application for an exemption or modification of an exemption must be written in English and must—

(1) Be submitted for timely consideration, at least 120 days before the requested effective date, in duplicate to: Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety (Attention: Exemptions, DHM-31), Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Alternatively, the application with any attached supporting documentation submitted in an appropriate format may be sent by facsimile (fax) to: (202) 366-3753 or (202) 366-3308 or by electronic mail (e-mail) to: *Exemptions@rspa.dot.gov*;

(2) State the name, street and mailing addresses, e-mail address optional, and telephone number of the applicant; if the applicant is not an individual, state the name, street and mailing addresses, e-mail address optional, and telephone number of an individual designated as an agent of the applicant for all purposes related to the application;

(3) If the applicant is not a resident of the United States, a designation of agent for service in accordance with § 105.40 of this part; and

(4) For a manufacturing exemption, a statement of the name and street address of each facility where manufacturing under the exemption will occur.

(b) *Confidential treatment.* To request confidential treatment for information contained in the application, the applicant shall comply with § 105.30(a).

(c) *Description of exemption proposal.* The application must include the following information that is relevant to the exemption proposal:

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(1) A citation of the specific regulation from which the applicant seeks relief;

(2) Specification of the proposed mode or modes of transportation;

(3) A detailed description of the proposed exemption (e.g., alternative packaging, test, procedure or activity) including, as appropriate, written descriptions, drawings, flow charts, plans and other supporting documents;

(4) A specification of the proposed duration or schedule of events for which the exemption is sought;

(5) A statement outlining the applicant's basis for seeking relief from compliance with the specified regulations and, if the exemption is requested for a fixed period, a description of how compliance will be achieved at the end of that period;

(6) If the applicant seeks emergency processing specified in §107.117, a statement of supporting facts and reasons;

(7) Identification and description of the hazardous materials planned for transportation under the exemption;

(8) Description of each packaging, including specification or exemption number, as applicable, to be used in conjunction with the requested exemption;

(9) For alternative packagings, documentation of quality assurance controls, package design, manufacture, performance test criteria, in-service performance and service-life limitations.

(d) *Justification of exemption proposal.* The application must demonstrate that an exemption achieves a level of safety at least equal to that required by regulation, or if a required safety level does not exist, is consistent with the public interest. At a minimum, the application must provide the following:

(1) Information describing all relevant shipping and incident experience of which the applicant is aware that relates to the application;

(2) A statement identifying any increased risk to safety or property that may result if the exemption is granted, and a description of the measures to be taken to address that risk; and

(3) Either—

(i) Substantiation, with applicable analyses, data or test results, that the

proposed alternative will achieve a level of safety that is at least equal to that required by the regulation from which the exemption is sought; or

(ii) If the regulations do not establish a level of safety, an analysis that identifies each hazard, potential failure mode and the probability of its occurrence, and how the risks associated with each hazard and failure mode are controlled for the duration of an activity or life-cycle of a packaging.

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### § 107.107 Application for party status.

(a) Any person eligible to apply for an exemption may apply to be made party to an application or an existing exemption, other than a manufacturing exemption.

(b) Each application filed under this section must—

(1) Be submitted in duplicate to: Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety (Attention: Exemptions, DHM-31), Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Alternatively, the application with any attached supporting documentation submitted in an appropriate format may be sent by facsimile (fax) to: (202) 366-3753 or (202) 366-3308 or by electronic mail (e-mail) to: *Exemptions@rspa.dot.gov*;

(2) Identify by number the exemption application or exemption to which the applicant seeks to become a party;

(3) State the name, street and mailing addresses, e-mail address optional, and telephone number of the applicant; if the applicant is not an individual, state the name, street and mailing addresses, e-mail address optional, and telephone number of an individual designated as the applicant's agent for all purposes related to the application; and

(4) If the applicant is not a resident of the United States, provide a designation of agent for service in accordance with §105.40.

(c) The Associate Administrator grants or denies an application for