

The FAA invites your comments on this proposed policy. We will accept your comments, data, views, or arguments by letter, fax, or e-mail. Send your comments to the person indicated in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Mark your comments, "Comments to Policy Statement No. ANM-03-115-31."

Use the following format when preparing your comments:

- Organize your comments issue-by-issue.
- For each issue, state what specific change you are requesting to the proposed policy.
- Include justification, reasons, or data for each change you are requesting.

We also welcome comments in support of the proposed policy.

We will consider all communications received on or before the closing date for comments. We may change the proposed policy because of the comments received.

Background

The policy memorandum provides FAA certification policy on conducting compliance level tests in order to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of § 25.785(b) and (d). The tests described herein provide a standardized approach by which each potentially injurious item located within the headstrike zone can be assessed for occupant injury potential. These test methods are the product of an Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee recommendation and are harmonized with the Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA) and Transport Canada.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on July 7, 2003.

Ali Bahrami,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Policy Statement No. ANM-03-115-05]

No Smoking Placards and Signs

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of final policy.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces the availability of final policy on no-smoking placards.

DATES: This final policy was issued by the Transport Airplane Directorate on July 7, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael T. Thompson, Federal Aviation Administration, Transport Airplane Directorate, Transport Standards Staff, Airframe and Cabin Safety Branch, ANM-115, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-1157; fax (425) 227-1149; e-mail: michael.t.thompson@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion of Comments

A notice of proposed policy as published in the **Federal Register** on March 17, 2003 (68 FR 12735). No comments were received.

Background

The policy further simplifies the certification process pertaining to the requirement for no-smoking placards legible to each occupant seated in compartments where smoking is prohibited. The FAA has determined that a lighted sign can be considered a placard if it is continuously illuminated for the occupants. These signs should illuminate without the cockpit or cabin crew having to turn the signs on, which the airplane's normal electrical power is on or by providing equivalent control of the signs by software. The policy allows the signs to not be operable by the crew by documenting an equivalent safety finding.

The final policy is available on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.airweb.faa.gov/rgl>. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can obtain a copy of the policy by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-03-15687; Notice 1]

Ford Motor Company; Receipt of Application for Temporary Exemption From Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 103

We are asking for comments on the application by Ford Motor Company ("Ford") of Dearborn, Michigan, for a

temporary exemption from Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 103, Defrosting and Defogging Systems. Ford asserted that compliance would prevent it from selling a motor vehicle whose overall level of safety is at least equal to that of a non-exempted vehicle.

We are publishing this notice of receipt of the application in accordance with our regulations on the subject. This action does not mean that we have made a judgment yet about the merits of the application.

The Motor Vehicle for Which a Temporary Exemption Is Sought

Ford is the manufacturer of the Lincoln Town Car. This motor vehicle is planned to be made available in a "Ballistic Protection Series (BPS)." It will be equipped with a windshield that is 40.68 mm thick, as contrasted with the standard Town Car's windshield of 4.9 mm thickness. The company related that "this thickness and the associated heat transfer properties are engineered to provide protection from impacts by certain rifle rounds * * * Ford does not envision producing more than 300 Town Car BPS Series in any calendar year.

How the Town Car BPS Fails To Comply With FMVSS No. 103

Paragraph S4.2 of FMVSS No. 103 establishes defrosting requirements for passenger car windshields. Ford related that "At this time clearance of the windshield in the time required under FMVSS 103 S4.2 can only be met with the usage of the washer fluid."

Arguments Presented by Ford Demonstrating That the Town Car BPS Provides an Overall Level of Safety at Least Equal to a Non-Exempted Motor Vehicle

To maximize the defroster performance, the special windshield of the BPS is equipped with an embedded electrical grid. Ford's laboratory tests show that the windshield can, in fact, be cleared within the time required by S4.2 "by using both the defroster (including the hot air system and the embedded electrical grid in the windshield) and the windshield washer system." The information provided with the vehicle will advise the vehicle operator to use the combined approach in defrosting the windshield. However, Ford anticipates that these special purpose vehicles are more likely to be garaged than parked in the open, and that the need to operate the defroster system will be minimal.

Arguments Presented by Ford as to Why a Temporary Exemption Would Be in the Public Interest and Consistent With Objectives of Motor Vehicle Safety

The windshield of the Lincoln Town Car BPS differs from those of armored vehicles produced by other manufacturers in that it will provide "a bullet resistant environment against rifle level threats," as contrasted with "handgun level" threats. According to Ford, "Customers, including certain agencies of the U.S. Government, have expressed a need for vehicles with this level of protection for vehicle occupants." Ford argued that its product will enhance the safety "for those individuals that are either government officials or certain other high profile individuals that are at a higher level of risk for terrorist attacks or assassination attempts." Orders have already been placed by the General Services Administration (GSA) on behalf of two government entities. To emphasize the minimal nature of the noncompliance, Ford enclosed a copy of its test report indicating passage of S4.2 using washer fluid, which has been placed in the docket.

How You May Comment on Ford's Application

If you would like to comment on the application, please do so in writing, in duplicate, referring to the docket and notice number, and mail to: Docket Management, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590.

We shall consider all comments received before the close of business on the date indicated below. Comments are available for examination in the docket in room PL-401 both before and after that date, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. To the extent possible, we also consider comments filed after the closing date. We will publish our decision on the application, pursuant to the authority indicated below.

Comment closing date: August 21, 2003.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30113; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.4.

Issued on July 16, 2003.

Stephen R. Kratzke,

Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.

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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 August 21, 2003.

ADDRESS COMMENTS TO: 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 CONTACT:

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 75h 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)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 15, 2003.

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
13262-N		Symmetricon, Inc., Beverly, MA.	49 CFR 172.400(a), 172.500, 173.211(a), 175.3.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain cesium devices consisting of an inner cylinder enclosed within an outer stainless steel, welded, hermetically sealed cylinder containing Division 4.3 hazardous materials. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
13263-N		Air Products & Chemical, Inc., Allentown, PA.	49 CFR 173.192, 173.201, 173.202, 173.203, 173.226, 173.227, 173.301(f), 173.302(a), 173.304a(a)(2).	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale and use of non-DOT specification, full removable head salvage cylinders for use in overpacking damaged or leaking packages of pressurized and non-pressurized hazardous materials. (mode 1)
13264-N		Trinity Manufacturing, Inc., Hamlet, NC.	49 CFR 172.101, Col 7, SP B14, 173.244.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of non-DOT specification portable tank mounted in an ISO frame that complies with the IMO Type 5 specification and built to ASME Code for use in transporting chloropicrin, Division 6.1. (modes 1, 3)
13265-N		Aeropres Corporation Shreveport, LA.	49 CFR 173.315	To authorize the transportation in commerce of dimethyl ether, in MC-331 cargo tanks with a minimum design pressure of 175 psig. (mode 1)
13266-N		Luxfer Gas Cylinders Riverside, CA.	49 CFR 173.301(h), 173.302(a), 178.46(a)(4), 178.46(c)(i).	To authorize the manufacture, marking, sale and use of non-DOT specification hoop wrapped composite cylinder conforming to DOT FRP-2 for use in storing medical gases. (mode 1)