

NEW EXEMPTIONS—Continued

Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
12457-N	RSPA-00-7371	Arch Chemicals, Inc., Norwalk, CN.	49 CFR 172.101(i)(3) Col. 8C.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of dry calcium hypochlorite mixture, Division 5.1, in DOT specification flexible intermediate bulk containers. (mode 1)
12460-N	RSPA-00-7355	M&M Service Company, Carinville, IL.	49 CFR 173.315(k)	To authorize the interstate transportation in commerce of a non-DOT specification tank built to MC 330 or MC 331 specifications for use in transporting propane, Division 2.1. (mode 1)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee to the National Center for State and Local Law Enforcement Training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center will meet on June 7, 2000. The agenda for this meeting includes remarks by the Committee Co-Chairs, Karen Wehner, Deputy Assistant Secretary (LE), Department of the Treasury, and Mary Lou Leary, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; progress reports on initiatives and training programs; and presentations on collaborative programs presented by the National Center.

ADDRESSES: James J. Rowley Training Center, 9200 Powder Mill Road, Laurel, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hobart M. Henson, Director, National Center for State and Local Law Enforcement Training, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Glynco, GA 31524, 912-267-2322.

Dated: May 17, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Summary of Precedent Opinions of the General Counsel

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is publishing a summary of legal interpretations issued by the Department's General Counsel involving veterans' benefits under laws administered by VA. These interpretations are considered precedential by VA and will be followed by VA officials and employees in future claim matters. The summary is published to provide the public, and, in particular, veterans' benefit claimants and their representatives, with notice of VA's interpretation regarding the legal matter at issue.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane L. Lehman, Chief, Law Library, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-6558.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: VA regulations at 38 CFR 2.6(e)(9) and 14.507 authorize the Department's General Counsel to issue written legal opinions having precedential effect in adjudications and appeals involving veterans' benefits under laws administered by VA. The General Counsel's interpretations on legal matters, contained in such opinions, are conclusive as to all VA officials and employees not only in the matter at issue but also in future adjudications and appeals, in the absence of a change in controlling statute or regulation or a superseding written legal opinion of the General Counsel.

VA publishes summaries of such opinions in order to provide the public with notice of those interpretations of the General Counsel that must be followed in future benefit matters and to assist veterans' benefit claimants and their representatives in the prosecution of benefit claims. The full text of such

opinions, with personal identifiers deleted, may be obtained by contacting the VA official named above.

New Precedent Opinions

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Question Presented

a. Is the last sentence of 38 CFR 3.272(h) consistent with 38 U.S.C. 1503(a)(3) in providing that expenses of a veteran's last illness paid by a surviving spouse subsequent to the veteran's death, but prior to the date of entitlement to improved death pension, may not be excluded from countable income for the purpose of determining death pension entitlement?

b. If so: (1) What is the basis for the differing treatment accorded by section 3.272(h) to expenses paid prior to the date of death and those paid after the date of death but before the date of entitlement; and, (2) does Congress' intent in enacting Pub. L. No. 98-369 to limit retroactive payments of pension in the case of claimants who file claims more than 45 days after the date of a veteran's death provide an adequate basis for prohibiting consideration of expenses in determining prospective entitlement for the period following the date of claim?

Held

a. The last sentence of 38 CFR 3.272(h) is inconsistent with 38 U.S.C. 1503(a)(3) in providing that expenses of a veteran's last illness paid by the veteran's surviving spouse subsequent to the veteran's death, but prior to the date of the surviving spouse's entitlement to death pension, may not be deducted from countable income for the purpose of determining entitlement to improved death pension. VA may not rely upon the last sentence of 38 CFR 3.272(h) as a basis for denying a death pension claim or reducing the amount of benefits payable.

b. (1) There is no basis for the differing treatment currently accorded under 38 CFR 3.272(h) for expenses of a veteran's last illness paid prior to the