

required by statute to conduct a recall campaign, and its petition for an inconsequentiality exemption is moot.

However, overloading does raise safety concerns, since it can result in premature failures, many times without warning. Components that can be affected by overloading include tires, rims, frame, axle, hubs, steering linkage, brakes, and other suspension parts. Therefore, this matter will be referred to NHTSA's Office of Defects Investigation for further review and for whatever action is deemed appropriate. In addition, the matter will be referred to the Office of Chief Counsel for consideration of possible civil penalty action.

According to Explorer, the manufacturing and labeling processes have been extensively reviewed, the causes of these issues have been isolated, and changes in the processes have been instituted to prevent any future occurrences. In addition, the noncompliances are limited to the vehicles addressed in this notice, and Explorer must ensure that all of its future products comply with the requirements of FMVSS No. 120.

In summary, Explorer's petition is granted in part and dismissed in part. Explorer is exempted from the duty to conduct a notification and remedy campaign with respect to its failure to provide Metric and English information. With respect to the other two issues, the petition is dismissed on the basis that the actions of Explorer, while raising potential safety concerns, did not create noncompliances with Federal motor vehicle safety standards. (49 U.S.C. 30118, 30120, delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8)

Issued on: August 14, 2000.

Stephen R. Kratzke,

Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 208X)]

The Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Cumberland and Roane Counties, TN

On July 28, 2000, The Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway Company (CNOTP), a wholly owned subsidiary of Norfolk Southern Railway Company, filed with the Surface

Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903-05 to abandon a line of railroad known as the Crab Orchard Line, between milepost 141.5-H at Crab Orchard and milepost 156.9-H at Rockwood, a distance of 15.4 miles in Cumberland and Roane Counties, TN. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 37723, 37842, and 37854, and includes the stations of Crab Orchard, Daysville, Ozone, and Rockwood.

In addition to an exemption from 49 U.S.C. 10903, petitioner seeks exemption from 49 U.S.C. 10904 (offer of financial assistance procedures) and 49 U.S.C. 10905 (public use conditions). In support, CNOTP contends that exemption from these provisions is necessary to permit conveyance of the line to the sole shipper on the line, Franklin Industries, for continued operation as a private industrial lead track. CNOTP also requests expedited effectiveness of the exemption on service of the final decision. CNOTP avers that expedited effectiveness is needed here so that ownership of the line may be promptly transferred to the shipper for necessary maintenance and rehabilitation of the right-of-way. These requests will be addressed in the final decision.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in CNOTP's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by November 15, 2000.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each offer must be accompanied by a \$1,000 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than September 6, 2000. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 208X) and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001, and (2) James R. Paschall, Norfolk Southern Railway Company, Three Commercial Place, Norfolk, VA 23510-2191. Replies to the CNOTP petition are due on or before September 6, 2000.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Board's Office of Public Services at (202) 565-1592 or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152.

Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) at (202) 565-1545. [TDD for the hearing impaired is available at 1-800-877-8339.]

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by SEA will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Other interested persons may contact SEA to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS). EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 60 days of the filing of the petition. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service.

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Decided: August 10, 2000.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

[T.D. 00-53]

Retraction of Revocation Notice

AGENCY: U.S. Customs Service,
Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: The following Customs broker license numbers were erroneously included in a published list of revoked Customs brokers licenses in the **Federal Register**.