

the increased output of the subject lamps will increase drivers' views down the road. However, the purpose of the minimum light intensity requirements for upper beam headlamps is to protect oncoming drivers from problematic glare. There must be a balance between the need of drivers to have a clear view of the roadway and the need to reduce glare for oncoming drivers. While MBUSA is correct in assuming that the extra light provided by the subject lamps would be advantageous to drivers of the vehicle, it does not mention the obvious ill effects it would have on oncoming drivers. For this reason, we do not accept MBUSA's rationale.

In consideration of the foregoing, NHTSA has decided that the applicant has not met its burden of persuasion that the noncompliance it describes is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety, and it should not be exempted from the notification and remedy requirements of the statute. Accordingly, its application is hereby denied.

(49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h); delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2000-7705; Notice 2]

Mootness of Application for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

The following companies, Osram Sylvania Products, Inc., (Osram); Subaru of America, Inc., (Subaru); Koito Manufacturing Co., LTD. (Koito); North American Lighting, Inc. (NAL); Stanley Electric Co., LTD, (Stanley); and General Electric Company (GE) have determined that certain H1 replaceable light sources they manufactured or used in lamp assemblies did not have the "DOT" marking required under 49 CFR 571.108, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment." These companies have also applied to be exempted from the notification and remedy requirements of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301—"Motor Vehicle Safety" on the basis that the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety.

Under the requirements of S7.7(a) of FMVSS No. 108, each replaceable light source shall be marked with the symbol "DOT."

Notice of receipt of the application was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 10052) on February 13, 2001. Opportunity was afforded for public comment until March 15, 2001. No comments were received.

Between January 1998 and January 2000, Osram produced 841,283 H1 replaceable light sources without the required "DOT" marking. In its Part 573 report, Osram stated that it was not possible to determine exactly how many light sources were used in headlamp assemblies as opposed to those which were used in fog lamp assemblies. However, the point is irrelevant, since light sources are subject to the requirements of the standard if they are, in fact, capable of being used as a replaceable light source in a headlamp.

Between February 1999 and January 2000, NAL used 118,756 of these Osram replaceable light sources in headlamp assemblies. Subaru installed 110,784 of these NAL headlamp assemblies in model year 2000 Legacy vehicles from February 1999 through February 2000.

Stanley used 30,426 of the Osram replaceable light sources in headlamp assemblies intended for Honda Preludes produced between October 22, 1998 and January 27, 2000. Koito used 12,340 of the Osram replaceable light sources in headlamp assemblies it manufactured between June 1999 and January 2000.

Also, a separate group of replaceable light sources with similar certification problems were manufactured by GE. GE produced 2,490 of these between April 1, 1999 and March 23, 2000. The GE replaceable light sources are included in this notice because of these similarities.

All of the applicants have indicated that the subject replaceable light sources, with the exception of the absence of the "DOT" marking, fully comply with all the performance and design requirements of FMVSS No. 108 and do not constitute any risk to motor vehicle safety. Osram has submitted confidential test data to show this.

We have reviewed the applications. Since the purpose of the "DOT" marking is to certify that the replaceable light sources comply with all applicable standards, the failures to mark light sources with DOT symbols are considered as violations of 49 U.S.C. 30115, *Certification*, which does not require notification or remedy. Therefore, after due consideration, we have decided that the applications referenced above are moot.

(49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h); delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2000-8808; Notice 2]

Philips Lighting Company; Mootness of Application for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

Philips Lighting Company (Philips), of Somerset, New Jersey, has determined that certain H3-55W replaceable light sources it manufactured do not have the "DOT" marking required under 49 CFR 571.108, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment," and has filed an appropriate report pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." Philips has also applied to be exempted from the notification and remedy requirements of 49 U.S.C. chapter 301—"Motor Vehicle Safety" on the basis that the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. Under the requirements of S7.7(a) of FMVSS No. 108, each replaceable light source shall be marked with the symbol "DOT."

Notice of receipt of the application was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 10053) on February 13, 2001. Opportunity was afforded for public comment until March 15, 2001. No comments were received.

Between January 1998 to December 1999, Philips produced 67,299 H3-55W replaceable light sources that do not have the "DOT" marking. Philips has indicated that the subject replaceable light sources, with the exception of the absence of the "DOT" marking, fully comply with all the performance and design requirements of FMVSS No. 108 and do not constitute any risk to motor vehicle safety. Philips has submitted test results to support this.

We have reviewed the application. Because the purpose of the "DOT" marking is to certify that the replaceable light sources comply with all applicable standards, the failure to mark light sources with a DOT symbol is considered a violation of 49 U.S.C.

30115, *Certification*, which does not require notification or remedy. Therefore, after due consideration, we have decided that this application is moot.

(49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h); delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 34062]

C & C Railroad, Inc.—Reincorporation Exemption—C&C Railroad, LLC

C & C Railroad, Inc., a Class III rail carrier, and C&C Railroad, LLC, a noncarrier (collectively applicants), have filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(6) wherein C&C Railroad, Inc. will be merged with and into C&C Railroad, LLC.¹

The parties reported that they intended to consummate the transaction immediately following the effective date of the exemption. The earliest the transaction could have been consummated was July 2, 2001, 7 days after the exemption was filed.

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction. However, applicants have stated that they will provide their employees with the protections and benefits of *New York Dock Ry.—Control—Brooklyn Eastern Dist.*, 360 I.C.C. 60 (1979).

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption

is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 34062, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Michael A. Abramson, Esq., 120 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60606.

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Decided: July 16, 2001.

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

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Second Test: Importer Compliance Monitoring Program

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

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces the second test to be conducted regarding the Importer Compliance Monitoring Program (ICMP). The test is intended to be run for three years whereupon a decision will be made whether to extend the test. The ICMP is intended to promote importer compliance with Customs laws and regulations pertaining to cargo processing and will afford mutual benefits to both Customs and the importing community. By a document published in the **Federal Register** on April 24, 1998, Customs initially announced a test of the ICMP that was thereafter conducted with limited participation. Customs now seeks to achieve more extensive participation in the program test in order to ensure a more comprehensive and effective evaluation of the program. Written requests to participate in the program test, as well as public comments on any aspect of the test, are solicited.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The program test will commence no earlier than August 22, 2001, and will continue for three years. Comments on any aspect of the planned test must be received on or before

August 22, 2001. Written requests to participate in the program test may be submitted on or after July 23, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written applications to participate in the program test should be addressed to: Director, Regulatory Audit, Office of Strategic Trade, U.S. Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20229. Written comments on any aspect of the planned test may be addressed to: Matthew Krinski, Director, Compliance Assessments, Regulatory Audit Division, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 6.3-A, Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

ICMP program coordinator for the application process: Mark Zaepfel, Senior Auditor, Regulatory Audit Division, (202) 927-0809.

ICMP program coordinator for marketing: Russell Ugone, Director, Trade Agreements Branch, Regulatory Audit Division, (202) 927-0728.

For general information about the ICMP: Matthew Krinski, Director, Compliance Assessments Branch, (202) 927-0411; Joseph Palmer, Field Director, Regulatory Audit, (312) 983-9615; Russell Ugone, Director, Trade Agreements Branch, (202) 927-0728.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Since passage of the Customs Modernization provisions (107 Stat. 2170) contained in the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-182, 107 Stat. 2057, December 8, 1993), the primary goal of the trade compliance process has been to maximize importer compliance with U.S. trade laws, while facilitating the importation and entry of admissible merchandise. To meet these challenges, Customs has extensively reviewed and sought to improve and redesign the trade compliance process using established business practices, re-engineered tools, and new methodologies that enhance service to importers without compromising the enforcement aspect of the Customs mission.

To this end, one of the methodologies that Customs has developed is the Compliance Assessment Process which has been subject to continual process improvement since its introduction (see § 163.11, Customs Regulations (19 CFR 163.11)). The Compliance Assessment Process allows Customs to determine the level of compliance based on an overall assessment of a company's import operations.

Also, Customs has under development a new program called the

¹ C&C Railroad, LLC is a newly formed limited liability company organized by the shareholders of C & C Railroad, Inc. for the sole purpose of reincorporating in the State of Delaware. The separate existence of C & C Railroad, Inc. shall cease and C&C Railroad, LLC shall be the surviving entity. C&C Railroad, LLC will continue the operations formerly provided by C & C Railroad, Inc. See *C & C Railroad, Inc.—Operation Exemption—Centerpoint Properties, L.L.C.*, STB Finance Docket No. 33990 (STB served Jan. 17, 2001).