

(c) A subpoena may be served personally by any person who is not an interested person and is not less than 18 years of age, or by certified or registered mail.

(d) Service of a subpoena upon the person named therein shall be made by delivering a copy of the subpoena to such person and by tendering the fees for one day's attendance and mileage as specified by paragraph (f) of this section. When a subpoena is issued at the instance of any officer or agency of the United States, fees and mileage need not be tendered at the time of service. Delivery of a copy of a subpoena and tender of the fees to a natural person may be made by handing them to the person, leaving them at his office with the person in charge thereof, leaving them at his dwelling place or usual place of abode with some person of suitable age and discretion then residing therein, by mailing them by registered or certified mail to him at his last known address, or by any method whereby actual notice is given to him and the fees are made available prior to the return date. When the person to be served is not a natural person, delivery of a copy of the subpoena and tender of the fees may be effected by handing them to a registered agent for service, or to any officer, director, or agent in charge of any office of the person, or by mailing them by registered or certified mail to that representative at his last known address or by any method whereby actual notice is given to the representative and the fees are made available prior to the return date.

(e) The original subpoena bearing a certificate of service shall be filed with the RSPA official having responsibility for the proceeding in connection with which the subpoena was issued.

(f) A witness subpoenaed by the RSPA shall be paid the same fees and mileage as would be paid to a witness in a proceeding in the district courts of the United States. The witness fees and mileage shall be paid by the person at whose instance the subpoena was issued.

(g) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (f) of this section, and upon request, the witness fees and mileage may be paid by the RSPA if the RSPA official who issued the subpoena deter-

mines on the basis of good cause shown, that:

(1) The presence of the subpoenaed witness will materially advance the proceeding; and

(2) The person at whose instance the subpoena was issued would suffer a serious hardship if required to pay the witness fees and mileage.

(h) Any person to whom a subpoena is directed may apply no later than 10 days after service thereof, to the person who issued the subpoena to quash or modify it. The application shall contain a brief statement of the reasons relied upon in support of the action sought therein. The person who issued the subpoena may:

(1) Deny the application;

(2) Quash or modify the subpoena; or

(3) Condition denial of the application to quash or modify the subpoena upon the satisfaction of certain just and reasonable requirements. The denial may be summary.

(i) If there is a refusal to obey a subpoena served upon any person under the provisions of this section, the RSPA may request the Attorney General to seek the aid of the United States District Court for any District in which the person is found to compel that person, after notice, to appear and give testimony, or to appear and produce the subpoenaed documents before the RSPA, or both.

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§ 107.14 Availability of informal guidance and interpretive assistance.

(a) *Availability of telephonic and Internet assistance.* (1) RSPA has a toll-free, telephonic information line which provides answers to inquiries by small entities and other parties concerning information on and advice about compliance with the hazardous materials regulations, 49 CFR parts 171-180. The information line is staffed from 9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. When the information line is not staffed, callers may leave a recorded message, which will be answered by the end of the next business day. The telephone numbers for the information line are: 1-800-HMR-4922 (that

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is; 1-800-467-4922 toll free), or 202-366-4488 (in the Washington, D.C. area). Additionally, information may be obtained from the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety via the Internet at <http://hazmat.dot.gov>.

(2) RSPA's Office of the Chief Counsel (OCC) is available to answer questions concerning Federal hazardous material transportation law, 49 USC 5101 *et seq.* and Federal preemption of state, local and Indian tribe hazardous material transportation requirements. OCC may be contacted by telephone (202-366-4400) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Information and guidance concerning Federal hazardous material transportation law and preemption may also be obtained by contacting OCC via the Internet at <http://rspa-atty.dot.gov>.

(b) *Availability of Written Interpretations.* (1) A written regulatory clarification, response to a question, or an opinion concerning hazardous materials offering, transporting, or packaging requirements may be obtained by submitting a written request to the RSPA Office of Hazardous Materials Standards (DHM-10), U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. The requestor must include his or her return address and should also include a daytime telephone number.

(2) A written interpretation regarding Federal hazardous material transportation law, 49 USC 5101 *et seq.*, may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Counsel (DCC-1) RSPA, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. The requestor must include his or her return address and should also include a daytime telephone number.

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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 require-

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ments 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 in duplicate and, for timely consideration, at least 120 days before the requested effective date to: Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Attention: Exemptions, DHM-31;

(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 § 107.7 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 § 107.5(a).

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

(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