

	Percent
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere .....	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere .....	7.000
For Economic Injury: Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere .....	4.000

The numbers assigned to this disaster for physical damage are 320006 for California, 320106 for Nevada, and 320206 for Arizona. For economic injury the numbers are 9D4200 for California, 9D4300 for Nevada, and 9D4400 for Arizona.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: July 29, 1999.

**Fred P. Hochberg,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[Declaration of Disaster #3199; Amendment #1]

**State of Iowa**

In accordance with notices received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency dated July 27 and July 30, 1999, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include Bremer, Buchanan, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Fayette, Floyd, Howard, Mitchell, and Worth Counties in the State of Iowa as a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms and flooding beginning on July 2, 1999 and continuing.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location: Allamakee, Clayton, Hancock, Winnebago, Winneshiek, and Wright Counties in Iowa, and Fillmore, Freeborn, and Mower Counties in Minnesota.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is September 19, 1999, and for economic injury the deadline is April 24, 2000.

The economic injury number for the State of Minnesota is 9D4800.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: August 2, 1999.

**Bernard Kulik,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[Declaration of Disaster #3203]

**State of Minnesota**

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on July 28, 1999, I find that Cook, Itasca, and St. Louis Counties in the State of Minnesota constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms, winds, and flooding beginning on July 4, 1999 and continuing. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on September 25, 1999 and for economic injury until the close of business on April 28, 2000 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties may be filed until the specified date at the above location: Aitkin, Beltrami, Carlton, Cass, Koochiching, and Lake Counties in Minnesota, and Douglas County, Wisconsin.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere .....	6.875
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere .....	3.437
Businesses with credit available elsewhere .....	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere .....	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere .....	7.000
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere .....	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 320306. For economic injury the numbers are 9D4500 for Minnesota and 9D4600 for Wisconsin.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: August 2, 1999.

**Bernard Kulik,**

*Associate Administrator For Disaster Assistance.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Coast Guard**

[CGD8-99-051]

**Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC) and its two Subcommittees (Waterways and Navigation) will meet to discuss waterway improvements, aids to navigation, current meters, and various other navigation safety matters affecting the Houston/Galveston area. All meetings will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting of HOGANSAC will be held on Thursday, September 9, 1999 from 9 a.m. to approximately 1 p.m. The meeting of the Navigation Subcommittee will be held on Thursday, August 26, 1999 at 9 a.m. and immediately following, the Waterways Subcommittee will meet. The meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Members of the public may present written or oral statements at the meetings.

**ADDRESSES:** The HOGANSAC meeting will be held in the conference room of the Houston Pilots' Office, 8150 South Loop East, Houston, Texas. The subcommittee meetings will be held at the Houston Port Authority, 111 East Loop South, Houston, Texas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Captain Wayne Gusman, Executive Director of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5199, or Commander Paula Carroll, Executive Secretary of the HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5164.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

**Agendas of the Meetings**

*Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC)*

The tentative agenda includes the following:

- (1) Opening remarks by the Committee Sponsor (RADM Pluta), Executive Director (CAPT Gusman) and chairman (Tim Leitzell).

(2) Approval of the May 27, 1999 minutes.

(3) Report from the Waterways Subcommittee.

(4) Report from the Navigation Subcommittee.

(5) Status reports on Baytown Tunnel removal, Army Corps of Engineers' dredging projects and pipeline safety, and comments and discussions from the floor.

(6) New business.

#### *Subcommittee on Waterways*

The tentative agenda includes the following:

(1) Presentation by each work group of its accomplishments and plans for the future.

(2) Review and discuss the work completed by each work group.

#### *Subcommittee on Navigation*

The tentative agenda includes the following:

(1) Presentation by each work group of its accomplishments and plans for the future.

(2) Review and discuss the work completed by each work group.

#### **Procedural**

All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings.

#### **Information on Services for the Handicapped**

For information on facilities or services for the handicapped or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: July 26, 1999.

#### **Paul J. Pluta,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Highway Administration**

[FHWA Docket No. FHWA-99-5867]

#### **Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Exemption Applications; Minimum Fuel Tank Fill Rate and Certification Labeling**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of applications for exemptions and intent to grant exemptions; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is announcing its preliminary determination to grant the applications of the Ford Motor Company (Ford) for exemptions from certain fuel tank design and certification labeling requirements in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). The exemptions would enable motor carriers to operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) manufactured by Ford, and equipped with fuel tanks that do not meet the FHWA's requirements that fuel tanks be capable of receiving fuel at a rate of at least 20 gallons per minute, and be labeled or marked by the manufacturer to certify compliance with the design criteria. The FHWA believes the terms and conditions of the exemptions being considered achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to the level of safety that would be achieved by complying with the regulations and requests public comment on Ford's applications. The exemption, if granted, would preempt inconsistent State and local requirements applicable to interstate commerce.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before September 9, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written, signed comments to FHWA Docket No. FHWA-99-5867, the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Larry W. Minor, Office of Motor Carrier Research and Standards, HMCS-10, (202) 366-4009; or Mr. Charles E. Medalen, Office of the Chief Counsel, HCC-20, (202) 366-1354, Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Electronic Access**

Internet users may access all comments that were submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, in response to previous rulemaking notices concerning the docket referenced at the beginning of this notice by using the universal resource locator (URL): <http://dms.dot.gov>. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year.

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#### **Background**

On June 9, 1998, the President signed the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) (Pub.L. 105-178, 112 Stat. 107). Section 4007 of TEA-21 amended 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e) concerning the Secretary of Transportation's (the Secretary's) authority to grant exemptions from the FMCSRs for a person(s) seeking regulatory relief from those requirements. An exemption may be up to two years in duration, and may be renewed. The Secretary must provide the public with an opportunity to comment on each exemption request prior to granting or denying the request.

The TEA-21 requires the FHWA to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** for each exemption requested, explaining that the request has been filed, and providing the public an opportunity to inspect the safety analysis and any other relevant information known to the agency, and comment on the request. Prior to granting a request for an exemption, the agency must publish a notice in the **Federal Register** identifying the person or class of persons who will receive the exemption, the provisions from which the person will be exempt, the effective period, and all terms and conditions of the exemption. The terms and conditions established by the FHWA must ensure that the exemption will likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by complying with the regulation.

On December 8, 1998, the FHWA published an interim final rule implementing section 4007 of TEA-21 (63 FR 67600). The regulations (49 CFR part 381) established the procedures persons must follow to request waivers and to apply for exemptions from the FMCSRs, and the procedures the FHWA will use to process the requests for waivers and applications for exemptions.

#### **Ford's Applications for Exemptions**

Ford applied for exemptions from 49 CFR 393.67(c)(7)(ii), which requires that