RSPA 2000 8305 12561

Nelson, Sherrie

From: Edminster, Donna [Donna.Edminster@us.rhodia.com]
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2004 1:57 PM
To: 'sherrie.nelson@rspa.dot.gov'
Subject: Additional Information to support renewal of DOT E-12561

Sherrie:

In accordance with your request of the other day, here is the additional information in support of our renewal of DOT E-12561 (Ver. 3) which expires on Oct. 31, 2004.

1. Pursuant to the requirements of Paragraph 8 (c) of the exemption, letters of acceptance from both the Norfolk Southern (NS) and the Indiana Harbor Belt (IHB) railroads were submitted to the AAHMS, Attn. DHM-31 prior to the first offering for shipment on each of these routes of any cars covered under this exemption. The letters were dated Sept. 30, 2003 and January 9, 2004 respectively. Copies of these letters should be on file in your office. In case you do not have access to them, I will fax another copy of each to your attention. As additional information, although we have had this exemption in place since Dec. 2000, for various reasons we did not actually start moving cars loaded to 286GRL using this exemption until June 2004.

2. Pursuant to the requirements of Paragraph 8(e) of the exemption, copies of the car lifetime maintenance programs were submitted with the initial exemption application for the first 50 cars in September 2000, and again with the modification request sent in March 2004 for the subsequent 100 cars added to Ver. 3 of the exemption. In both cases, the applications and their full set of attachments (including the maintenance programs) were sent simultaneously to both the Exemptions office and to the Federal Railroad Administration office for review. Copies of this data should be on file in both offices in association with the supporting documentation for this exemption.

I hope this information is sufficient for your needs. Should you have any further questions, please contact me at the number below.

Regards,

Donna

Donna Edminster
Sr. Transportation Regulatory Specialist
Tel: 609-860-4085
Fax: 609-409-0176
e-mail: donna.edminster@us.rhodia.com

2004 080373