

system so that the window transport is inoperative when the ignition is switched off.

Standard No. 208 *Occupant Crash Protection*: installation of a seat belt warning buzzer. The petitioner states that the vehicle is equipped with shoulder and lap belts in all seating positions.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments on the petition described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: Docket Section, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5109, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. It is requested but not required that 10 copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated above will be considered, and will be available for examination in the docket at the above address both before and after that date. To the extent possible, comments filed after the closing date will also be considered. Notice of final action on the petition will be published in the Federal Register pursuant to the authority indicated below.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A) and (b)(1); 49 CFR 593.8; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

Issued on: March 18, 1996.

Marilynne Jacobs,

*Director, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.*  
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**Research and Special Programs Administration**

[Docket No. PDA-14(R)]

**Application by National Tank Truck Carriers, Inc. for a Preemption Determination as to Hazardous Materials Requirements Imposed by the City of El Paso, Texas**

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice dismissing application and closing the docket.

**APPLICANT:** National Tank Truck Carriers, Inc. (NTTC).

**LOCAL LAW AFFECTED:** Title 9, Chapter 9.56 of the City of El Paso, Texas Municipal Code requiring motor carriers or operators that transport hazardous materials to obtain a permit based on inspections which are conducted only during limited time periods, from November 1 through December 31 of each year.

**APPLICABLE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS:** Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. § 5101 et seq., and the Hazardous Materials Regulations, 49 CFR Parts 171-180.

**SUMMARY:** The application for a determination of preemption is dismissed, and this docket is closed because the City of El Paso passed an ordinance that deleted the permit requirement for transportation of hazardous materials in El Paso.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karin V. Christian, Attorney, Office of the Chief Counsel, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001 (Tel. No. [202] 366-4400).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 10, 1995, NTTC applied for a determination that the Federal hazardous material transportation law preempts certain provisions of Chapter 9.56 of the City of El Paso, Texas Municipal Code requiring motor carriers and operators transporting hazardous materials to obtain permits based on inspections conducted only during limited periods of time, from November 1 through December 31 of each year.

On January 19, 1996, RSPA published a Public Notice and Invitation to Comment (Notice) on NTTC's application. 61 FR 1432. Five comments were received in response to the Notice.

On February 15, 1996, the Office of the City Attorney of the City of El Paso forwarded a copy of an ordinance amendment to RSPA. This amendment deleted the permit requirement for transportation of hazardous materials in El Paso. The amendment was introduced at an El Paso City Council meeting on February 13, 1996 and on February 27, 1996, the City Council approved the ordinance amendment deleting the permit requirement.

After receiving a copy of the approved amended ordinance, NTTC submitted a written request to RSPA on March 7, 1996, withdrawing NTTC's application for a preemption determination and stating that the amendment has rendered moot its concerns. Therefore, NTTC's application is dismissed, and the docket is closed.

Issued in Washington, DC on March 15, 1996.

Alan I. Roberts,

*Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.*

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**Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Modification of Exemptions or Applications To Become a Party to an Exemption**

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** List of applications for modification of exemptions or applications to become a party to an exemption.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, exemptions from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR part 107, subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the applications described herein. This notice is abbreviated to expedite docketing and public notice. Because the sections affected, modes of transportation, and the nature of application have been shown in earlier Federal Register publications, they are not repeated here. Requests for modifications of exemptions (e.g. to provide for additional hazardous materials, packaging design changes, additional mode of transportation, etc.) are described in footnotes to the application number. Application numbers with the suffix "X" denote a modification request. Application numbers with the suffix "P" denote a party to request. These applications have been separated from the new applications for exemptions to facilitate processing.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 5, 1996.

**ADDRESS COMMENTS TO:** Dockets Unit, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the exemption number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Dockets Unit, Room 8426, Nassif Building, 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC.

Application No. and Applicant	Renewal of exemption
8125-M: Compagnie Des Containers Reservoirs, 2 Cedex, FR <sup>1</sup> .....	8125
9769-M: Federal Aviation Administration (Alaska Region), Anchorage, AL <sup>2</sup> .....	9769