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Public Meeting; Federal Committee on Apprenticeship

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. 1), notice is hereby given that the Federal Committee on Apprenticeship (FCA) will conduct an open meeting on August 16, 1995, at the Sheraton Inn at Ann Arbor, 3200 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108.

The agenda is subject to change due to time constraints and priority items which may come before the Committee between the time of this publication and the scheduled date of the FCA meeting. Members of the public are invited to attend the proceedings. Individuals with disabilities should contact Marion M. Winters at (202) 219-5921, Ext. 114 no later than August 4, 1995, if special accommodations are needed.

Any member of the public who wishes to file written data, views or arguments pertaining to the agenda may do so by furnishing it to the Designated Federal Official at any time prior to the meeting. His address is: Mr. Anthony Swoope, Director, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, ETA, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N-4649, Washington, D.C. 20210.

Fifteen duplicate copies are needed for the members and for inclusion in the minutes of the meeting.

Any member of the public who wishes to speak at this meeting should so indicate the nature of intended presentation and the amount of time needed by furnishing a written statement to the Designated Federal Official by August 11, 1995. The Chairperson will announce at the beginning of the meeting the extent to which time will permit the granting of such requests.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 25th day of July 1995.

Timothy M. Barnicle,
Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training.

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Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Oregon State Standards; Notice of Approval

1. Background

Part 1953 of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations, prescribes procedures under Section 18 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (hereinafter called the Act) by which the Regional Administrator for Occupational Safety and Health (hereinafter called Regional Administrator) under a delegation of authority from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for occupational Safety and Health (hereinafter called the Assistant Secretary (29 CFR 1953.4) will review and approve standards promulgated pursuant to a State plan which has been approved in accordance with Section 18(c) of the Act and 29 CFR Part 1902. On December 28, 1972, notice was published in the Federal Register (37 FR 28628) of the approval of the Oregon plan and the adoption of Subpart D to Part 1952 containing the decision.

The Oregon plan provides for adoption of State standards which are at least as effective as comparable Federal standards promulgated under Section 6 of the Act. Section 1953.20 provides that where any alteration in the Federal program could have an adverse impact on the at least as effective as status of the State program, a program change supplement to a State plan shall be required. The Oregon plan also provides for the adoption of Federal standards as State standards by reference.

In response to Federal standard changes, the State has submitted by letter dated May 10, 1994, a standard amendment identical to 29 CFR 1910.110(d)(11), Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases, as published in the Federal Register (58 FR 15089) on March 19, 1993. This correction was made when the standard was reprinted on August 27, 1993.

In response to Federal standard changes, the State has submitted by letter dated April 21, 1994, State standard amendments identical to 29 CFR 1910.94, 1910.96 and 1910.100, Subpart G—Occupational Health and Environmental Control, as published in the Federal Register (58 FR 35308) on June 30, 1993. These corrections were made when the standard was reprinted on April 6, 1994.

In response to Federal standard changes, the State has submitted by letter dated November 4, 1994, State standard amendments identical to 29 CFR 1910.132, 1910.133, 1910.135, 1910.136 and 1910.138 and Appendices A and B, Personal Protective Equipment, as published in the Federal Register (59 FR 6126) on February 9, 1994. In addition, several Oregon-initiated rules at OAR 437-02-123 through 137 were delegated because the new Federal adoption now covers these areas. The changes were adopted in Administrative Order 5-1994, on September 30, 1994, and became effective on September 30, 1994.

In response to Federal standard changes, the State has submitted by letter dated November 4, 1994, State standard amendments identical to Federal changes at 29 CFR 1910.146(k)(2)(ii) and the “Atmospheric monitoring” section of Appendix E,

On its own initiative, the State of Oregon has submitted by letter dated February 10, 1994, a repeal of OAR 437, Division 116, Carcinogens, and a renumbered State-initiated rule for Carcinogens in Laboratories, OAR 437–02–391. Oregon has repealed most of Division 116 because the carcinogens in this code have been replaced by separate federal standards for individual carcinogens. The State’s original Carcinogens standard, OAR 437 Chapter 22–017(D), received Federal Register approval (40 FR 50583) on October 30, 1975. The State’s standard was subsequently recodified, without change, as OAR 437, Division 116, and received Federal Register approval (52 FR 27077) on July 17, 1987. The change was adopted in Administrative Order 12–1993 on August 20, 1993, and became effective on November 1, 1993.

On its own initiative, the State of Oregon has submitted by letter dated February 10, 1994, from John A. Pompei, Administrator, to James W. Lake, Regional Administrator, and incorporated as part of the plan, a redenumbered and slightly amended standard for Thiram, which is not covered by OSHA. The State’s original standard OAR 437, Division 130, received Federal Register approval (44 FR 71469) on December 11, 1979. The amendment to the standard deleted a minor exemption to an eye protection requirement. The change was adopted in Administrative Order 12–1993 on August 20, 1993, and became effective on November 1, 1993.

On its own initiative, the State of Oregon has submitted by letter dated February 10, 1994, a renumbered and slightly amended standard for MOCA (4, 4’-Methylene bis (2-Chloro-Aniline)), which is not covered by OSHA. The State’s original standard OAR 437, Chapter 22–017(D) received Federal Register approval (40 FR 50583) on October 30, 1975. The State’s original standard was subsequently recodified, without change, as OAR 437, Division 116, and received Federal Register approval (52 FR 27077) on July 17, 1987. The change was adopted in Administrative Order 12–1993 on August 20, 1993, and became effective on November 1, 1993.


On its own initiative, the State of Oregon has submitted by letter dated February 10, 1994, a repeal of OAR 437, Division 137 and adoption by reference of 29 CFR 1910.1002, Coal Tar Pitch Volatiles. The State’s original standard received Federal Register approval (50 FR 20105) on May 14, 1985. The change was adopted in Administrative Order 12–1993 on August 20, 1993, and became effective on November 1, 1993.

OSHA has determined that the State standard amendments are at least as effective as the comparable Federal standards, as required by Section 18(c)(2) of the Act. OSHA has also determined that these State standard amendments are identical to the Federal amendments, except for the Carcinogens in Laboratories, Thiram, and MOCA changes which are substantially identical to the previously approved standards. OSHA therefore approves the standards; however, the right to reconsider this approval is reserved for the Carcinogens in Laboratories, Thiram, and MOCA amendments should substantial objections be submitted to the Assistant Secretary.

3. Location of Supplement for Inspection and Copying

A copy of the standards, along with the approved plan, may be inspected and copied during normal business hours at the following locations: Office of the Regional Administrator,
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration


Grant of Individual Exemptions;

Tenneco, Inc., Health Care Plan

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Grant of individual exemptions.

SUMMARY: This document contains exemptions issued by the Department of Labor (the Department) from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

Notices were published in the Federal Register of the pendency before the Department of proposals to grant such exemptions. The notices set forth a summary of facts and representations contained in each application for exemption and referred interested persons to the respective applications for a complete statement of the facts and representations. The applications have been available for public inspection at the Department in Washington, D.C. The notices also invited interested persons to submit comments on the requested exemptions to the Department. In addition the notices stated that any interested person might submit a written request that a public hearing be held (where appropriate). The applicants have represented that they have complied with the requirements of the notification to interested persons. No public comments and no requests for a hearing, unless otherwise stated, were received by the Department.

The notices of proposed exemption were issued and the exemptions are being granted solely by the Department because, effective December 31, 1978, section 102 of Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1978 (43 FR 47713, October 17, 1978) transferred the authority of the Secretary of Labor to grant exemption to the Secretary of Labor.

Statutory Findings

In accordance with section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code and the procedures set forth in 29 CFR Part 2570, Subpart B (55 FR 32836, 32847, August 10, 1990) and based upon the entire record, the Department makes the following findings:

(a) The exemptions are administratively feasible;

(b) They are in the interests of the plans and their participants and beneficiaries; and

(c) They are protective of the rights of the participants and beneficiaries of the plans.

Tenneco, Inc., Health Care Plan (the Plan) Located in Houston, Texas

Prohibited Transaction Exemption 95–64; Exemption Application No. D–09878

Exemption

The restrictions of sections 406(a), 406(b)(1) and (b)(2), and 407(a) of the Act shall not apply to the contribution to the Plan of common stock (the Stock) of Tenneco, Inc. (Tenneco) by Tenneco or any of its subsidiaries, provided the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) The Plan will dispose of the Stock received within 2 business days of receipt, either by sale on the open market or by sale to Tenneco; (b) any sale of the Stock from the Plan to Tenneco will comply with conditions (1) and (2) of section 408(e) of the Act; and (c) Tenneco will pay any and all transactional costs for any sales by the Plan on the open market.

For a more complete statement of the facts and representations supporting the Department's decision to grant this exemption, refer to the notice of proposed exemption published on May 22, 1995 at 60 FR 27124.

Written Comments: The Department received nine written comments and numerous telephone inquiries with respect to the proposed exemption in which the writers and callers sought additional information concerning the proposed exemption. The Department provided this information by telephone. In addition, the Department received one written comment requesting that the Department deny the exemption application. The commentator complained about the increase in his required contribution to the Plan, and also stated that he disagreed with the Department's representation that the market price of the Stock will not be diluted by the infusion of shares in the market as a result of the subject transaction.

The applicant responded to this comment by stating that the required increases in participants' contributions to the Plan were made for legitimate business reasons and were unrelated to the transaction which is the subject of the exemption request. With regard to the commentator's second point, the applicant responded that the sale of the Stock by the Plan should not lead to a dilution of the price of the Stock because the volume of Stock passing through the Plan will be relatively small. It is intended that the Plan will receive a contribution from Tenneco (and sell each share immediately thereafter) of approximately 691,000 shares of the Stock over a six-month period. In 1994, the average daily trading volume of Stock on the New York Stock Exchange was approximately 540,000 shares per day. Because the number of shares involved in the subject transaction is relatively small compared to the general trading volume of the Stock, the applicant anticipates that there will be no effect on the market price of the Tenneco shares.

The Department has considered the entire record, including the comments submitted and the applicant's responses thereto, and has determined to grant the exemption as it was proposed.

For Further Information Contact: Gary H. Lefkowitz of the Department by telephone (202) 219–8881. (This is not a toll-free number.)