

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Douglas S. Smith, telephone, (202) 366-4700, Office of Hazardous Materials Enforcement, or Charles Hochman, telephone (202) 366-4545, Office of Hazardous Materials Technology, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** During compliance inspections in Southern Louisiana, inspectors from the RSPA's Office of Hazardous Materials Enforcement have observed portable tanks marked and certified as meeting DOT specifications IM 101 and IM 102 that had bottom outlets, but no internal discharge valves or shear sections. Until January 1, 1997, the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR, 49 CFR Parts 171-180) did not specifically require internal discharge valves or shear sections for IM 101 or IM 102 portable tanks with bottom outlets. See RSPA's final rule under Docket No. HM-181H, 61 FR 50628 (September 26, 1996), amending 49 CFR 178.270-12(a) effective January 1, 1997, and the discussion in the preamble to the final rule, 61 FR 50621, and the notice of proposed rulemaking, 61 FR 33223 (June 26, 1996).

The HMR provide that a hazardous material may *not* be loaded in an IM portable tank with filling or discharge connections located below the normal liquid level of the tank unless:

(1) Each filling or discharge connection located below the normal liquid level of the tank has at least two serially-mounted closures consisting of an internal discharge valve and a bolted blank flange or other suitable, liquid-tight closure on each filling or discharge connection; or

(2) When this paragraph [173.32c(g)(2)] is specified for a hazardous material through [a special provision in] § 171.102(c)(7) of [the HMR], each filling or discharge connection located below the normal liquid level of the tank, or compartment thereof, has three serially-mounted closures consisting of an internal discharge valve capable of being closed from a location remote from the valve itself, an external valve, and a bolted blank flange or other suitable liquid-tight closure on the outlet side of the external valve.

49 CFR 173.32c(g).

Accordingly, an IM 101 or IM 102 portable tank with a bottom outlet may *not* be filled with any hazardous material if it does not have an internal discharge valve and shear section. Because the primary purpose of certifying any packaging to a DOT specification or performance standard is to authorize that packaging to be used for transporting a hazardous material, RSPA believes it is appropriate to fully

inform all owners and users of IM portable tanks that certain of these tanks exist that may not be filled with hazardous materials.

**Alan I. Roberts,**

*Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[Finance Docket No. 32759]

#### **Genesee & Wyoming, Inc.— Continuance in Control Exemption— Portland & Western Railroad, Inc.**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** Genesee & Wyoming, Inc., formerly Genesee & Wyoming Industries, Inc., is exempted, under 49 U.S.C. 10505 (now 49 U.S.C. 10502), from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11343-45 (now 49 U.S.C. 11323-25) to control Portland & Western Railroad, Inc., a Class III rail carrier.

**DATES:** This exemption will be effective on August 31, 1997. Petitions to stay must be filed by August 11, 1997. Petitions to reopen must be filed by August 21, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Send pleadings referring to Finance Docket No. 32759 to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and (2) Eric M. Hocky, Gollatz, Griffin & Ewing, P.C., 213 West Miner Street, P.O. Box 796, West Chester, PA 19381-0796.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beryl Gordon, (202) 565-1600. (TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Additional information is contained in the Board's decision. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, call, or pick up in person from: DC News & Data, Inc., 1925 K Street, NW., Suite 210, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 289-4357. (Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through TDD services (202) 565-1695.)

Decided: July 22, 1997.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Customs Service

#### **Quarterly IRS Interest Rates Used in Calculating Interest on Overdue Accounts and Refunds on Customs Duties**

**AGENCY:** Customs Service, Treasury.

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public of the quarterly Internal Revenue Service interest rates used to calculate interest on overdue accounts and refunds of Customs duties. For the quarter beginning July 1, 1997, the rates will be 8 percent for overpayments and 9 percent for underpayments. This notice is published for the convenience of the importing public and Customs personnel.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 1997.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ronald Wyman, Accounting Services Division, Accounts Receivable Group, 6026 Lakeside Boulevard, Indianapolis, Indiana 46278, (317) 298-1200, extension 1349.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1505 and Treasury Decision 85-93, published in the **Federal Register** on May 29, 1985 (50 FR 21832), the interest rate paid on applicable overpayments or underpayments of Customs duties shall be in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code rate established under 26 U.S.C. 6621 and 6622. Interest rates are determined based on the short-term Federal rate. The interest rate that Treasury pays on overpayments will be the short-term Federal rate plus two percentage points. The interest rate paid to the Treasury for underpayments will be the short-term Federal rate plus three percentage points. The rates will be rounded to the nearest full percentage.

The interest rates are determined by the Internal Revenue Service on behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury based on the average market yield on outstanding marketable obligations of the U.S. with remaining periods to maturity of 3 years or less, and fluctuate quarterly. The rates effective for a quarter are determined during the first-month period of the previous quarter. The rates of interest for the fourth quarter of fiscal year (FY) 1997 (the period of July 1—September 30, 1997) will be 8 percent for overpayments and 9 percent for underpayments. These rates will remain in effect through September 30, 1997, and are subject to change for the first quarter of FY-1998

(the period of October 1—December 31, 1997).

Dated: July 28, 1997.

**George J. Weise,**

*Commissioner of Customs.*

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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition; Determinations

Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 FR 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 FR 27393, July 2, 1985), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibit, "Old Masters Brought to Light: European Paintings from the National Museum of Art of Romania" imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lender. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the listed exhibit objects at The Brauer Museum of Art, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN, from on or about September 6, 1997, to on or about October 26, 1997; The Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO, from on or about November 15, 1997, to on or about January 25, 1998; the Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, NE, from on or about February 14, 1998, to on or about April 12, 1998; The Philbrook Museum of Art, Tulsa, OK, from on or about May 17, 1998, to on or about July 12, 1998; and, The San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego, CA, from on or about August 1, 1998, to on or about October 18, 1998, is in the national interest. Public notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.<sup>1</sup>

Dated: July 25, 1997.

**Les Jin,**

*General Counsel.*

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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition; Determinations

Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 FR 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 FR 27393, July 2, 1985), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibit, "The Private Collection of Edgar Degas" (See list <sup>1</sup>), imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the listed exhibit objects at The Metropolitan Museum of Art from on or about September 22, 1997, through January 11, 1998, is in the national interest. Public notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 25, 1997.

**Les Jin,**

*General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Associated Health Professions Review Subcommittee of the Special Medical Advisory Group, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice that the fifth and final meeting of the Associated Health Professions Review Subcommittee of the Special Medical Advisory Group will be held August 11 and 12, 1997. This subcommittee is established to review and recommend changes in Veterans Health Administration's (VHA) role and priorities in education and training, specifically with reference to the use of associated health professionals in the delivery of healthcare. Associated health disciplines are defined as all healthcare providers other than physicians. The meeting on both days will be held at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Room 830, Washington, DC. The

meeting will convene on August 11 from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on August 12 from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 3:00 p.m.

During both days, the subcommittee will develop final revisions to the draft report to the Under Secretary for Health.

The meetings will be open to the public. Those who plan to attend or who have questions concerning the meeting should contact Linda Johnson, Ph.D., R.N., Acting Director, Associated Health Professions Office (143), at 202-273-8372.

Dated: July 24, 1997.

By Direction of the Acting Secretary.

**Heyward Bannister,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Privacy Act of 1974; Amendment of System of Records

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is adding a new routine use to the system of records entitled "Personnel and Accounting Pay System—VA" (27VA047) as set forth in the **Federal Register** 40 FR 38095 (8/26/75) and amended in 48 FR 16372 (4/15/83), 50 FR 23009 (5/30/85), 51 FR 6858 (2/26/86), 51 FR 25968 (7/17/86), 55 FR 42534 (10/19/90), 56 FR 23952 (5/24/91), 58 FR 39088 (7/21/93), 58 FR 40852 (7/30/93), and 60 FR 35448 (7/7/95). This system of records contains information on current and former salaried VA employees.

VA is in the process of upgrading its human resources and payroll delivery system. While much of the work concerning this upgrade has been accomplished by VA employees, other aspects must be accomplished by private contractors and their employees. The information involved in this project concerns VA current employees and is contained in Privacy Act system of records "Personnel and Accounting Pay System—VA" (27VA047). In addition, some routine tasks and disclosures now performed by VA personnel under the authority of existing routine uses in this system of records, such as referral of employment data to state agencies to compile unemployment compensation data, will be turned over to private contractors. In some instances, contractors will also be able to offer services that VA personnel could not

<sup>1</sup> A copy of this list may be obtained by contacting Ms. Jacqueline Caldwell, Assistant General Counsel, at 202/619-6982, and the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20547-0001.

<sup>1</sup> A copy of this list may be obtained by contacting Ms. Carol Epstein, Assistant General Counsel, at 202/619-6981, and the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547-0001.