

with respect to IPR protection, enforcement, or market access for persons relying on intellectual property. Countries placed on the Priority Watch List are the focus of increased bilateral attention concerning the problem areas.

An Out-of-Cycle Review (OCR) is a tool that USTR uses to encourage progress on IPR issues of concern. It provides an opportunity for heightened engagement with a trading partner to address and remedy such issues. Successful resolution of specific IPR issues of concern or lack of action on such issues can lead to a change in a trading partner's identification on a Special 301 list outside of the typical period for the annual Special 301 Report. USTR may conduct OCRs of other trading partners as circumstances warrant or as requested by the trading partner.

In the 2017 Special 301 Report, which you can find on the USTR Web site at [www.ustr.gov](http://www.ustr.gov), USTR placed Colombia on the Watch List and announced that it would conduct an OCR of Colombia in order to monitor progress on issues relating to IPR protection and enforcement. The OCR of Colombia will include a focus on Colombia's commitment to the intellectual property provisions of the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement and Colombia's implementation of its National Development Plan.

## II. Public Comments

USTR invites written comments concerning any act, policy, or practice that is relevant to the decision regarding whether USTR should identify Colombia under Section 182 of the Trade Act. Submissions may report positive or negative developments with respect to Colombia. USTR requests that interested parties provide specific references to laws, regulations, policy statements, executive, presidential or other orders, administrative, court or other determinations that should factor into the review. USTR also requests that submissions include data, loss estimates, and other information regarding the economic impact on the United States, U.S. industry, and the U.S. workforce caused by the denial of adequate and effective intellectual property protection. For comments that include quantitative loss claims, you should include the methodology used to calculate the estimated losses. Comments should be as detailed as possible and should provide all necessary information for assessing the effect of the acts, policies, and practices. In particular, where applicable, comments should address Colombia's commitment to the intellectual property

provisions of the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement and Colombia's implementation of its National Development Plan 2014–2018.

## III. Submission Instructions

All submissions must be in English and sent electronically via [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). To submit comments, locate the docket (folder) by entering the docket number USTR–2017–0019 in the “Enter Keyword or IP” window at the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) homepage and click “Search.” The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Locate the reference to this notice by selecting “Notice” under “Document Type” on the left side of the search-results page, and click on the link entitled “Comment Now!” You should provide comments in an attached document, and name the file according to the following protocol, as appropriate: Commenter Name, or Organization 2017 Special 301 OCR Colombia. Please include the following information in the “Type Comment” field: “2017 Out-of-Cycle Review of Columbia.” USTR prefers submissions in Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format. If the submission is in another file format, please indicate the name of the software application in the “Type Comment” field. For further information on using the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site, please select “How to Use Regulations.gov” on the bottom of any page.

Please do not attach separate cover letters to electronic submissions; rather, include any information that might appear in a cover letter in the comments themselves. Similarly, to the extent possible, please include any exhibits, annexes, or other attachments in the same file as the comment itself, rather than submitting them as separate files.

For any comment submitted electronically that contains business confidential information, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters “BC”. Any page containing business confidential information must be clearly marked “BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL” on the top of that page and the submission should clearly indicate, via brackets, highlighting, or other means, the specific information that is business confidential. A filer requesting business confidential treatment must certify that the information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the submitter. Additionally, the submitter should type “Business Confidential 2017 Special 301 OCR Colombia” in the “Comment” field.

Filers of comments containing business confidential information also must submit a public version of their comments. The file name of the public version should begin with the character “P”. The non-business confidential version will be placed in the docket at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and be available for public inspection.

As noted, USTR strongly urges submitters to file comments through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). You must make any alternative arrangements in advance of the relevant deadline and before transmitting a comment by contacting USTR at [Special301@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:Special301@ustr.eop.gov).

We will post comments in the docket for public inspection, except business confidential information. You can view comments on the <https://www.regulations.gov> Web site by entering docket number USTR–2017–0019 in the search field on the home page.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA–2017–0109; Notice No. 2017–07]

### Hazardous Materials: Emergency Waiver No. 1

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of emergency waiver order.

**SUMMARY:** The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is issuing an emergency waiver order to persons conducting operations under the direction of Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 within the Hurricane and Tropical Storm Harvey disaster and emergency areas of Texas and Louisiana. This Waiver Order is effective September 1, 2017, and shall remain in effect for 30 days from the date of issuance.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Adam Horsley, Deputy Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, telephone: (202) 366–4400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5103(c), the Acting Administrator for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), hereby declares that an emergency exists that warrants issuance of a Waiver of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR, 49 CFR parts 171–180) to persons conducting operations under the direction of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 (1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75202) within the Hurricane and Tropical Storm Harvey disaster and emergency areas of Texas and Louisiana. The Waiver is granted to support EPA in taking appropriate actions to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a threat to public health, welfare, or the environment caused by actual or potential oil and hazardous materials incidents resulting from Hurricane and Tropical Storm Harvey.

On August 25, 2017, the President issued a Major Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Harvey for affected counties in Texas (DR–4332); and an Emergency Declaration for Tropical Storm Harvey for affected counties in Louisiana (EM–3382) on August 28, 2017. This Waiver Order covers all counties identified in both declarations, as amended. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5103(c), PHMSA has authority delegated by the Secretary (49 CFR 1.97(b)(3)) to waive compliance with any part of the HMR provided that the grant of the waiver is: (1) In the public interest; (2) not inconsistent with the safety of transporting hazardous materials; and (3) necessary to facilitate the safe movement of hazardous materials into, from, and within an area of a major disaster or emergency that has been declared under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.*).

Given the continuing impacts caused by Hurricane and Tropical Storm Harvey, PHMSA's Acting Administrator has determined that regulatory relief is in the public interest and necessary to ensure the safe transportation in commerce of hazardous materials while EPA executes its recovery and cleanup efforts in Texas and Louisiana. Specifically, PHMSA's Acting Administrator finds that issuing this Waiver Order will allow EPA to conduct its emergency support function under the National Response Framework to safely remove, transport, and dispose of hazardous materials. By execution of this Waiver Order, persons conducting operations under the direction of EPA Region 6 within the Hurricane/Tropical Storm Harvey disaster and emergency areas of Texas and Louisiana are authorized to offer and transport non-

radioactive hazardous materials under alternative safety requirements imposed by EPA Region 6 when compliance with the HMR is not practicable. Under this Waiver Order, non-radioactive hazardous materials may be transported to staging areas within 50 miles of the point of origin. Further transportation of the hazardous materials from staging areas must in be full compliance with the HMR.

This Waiver Order is effective September 1, 2017, and shall remain in effect for 30 days from the date of issuance.

**Drue Pearce,**

*Acting Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA–2017–0109; Notice No. 2017–09]

#### Hazardous Materials: Emergency Waiver No. 3

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of emergency waiver order.

**SUMMARY:** The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is issuing an emergency waiver order to persons conducting operations under the direction of Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 or United States Coast Guard 7th District within the Hurricane Irma emergency area of Georgia. This Waiver Order is effective September 10, 2017, and shall remain in effect for 30 days from the date of issuance.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Adam Horsley, Deputy Assistant Chief Counsel for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, telephone: (202) 366–4400.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In accordance with the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5103(c), the Acting Administrator for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), hereby declares that an emergency exists that warrants issuance of a Waiver of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR, 49 CFR parts 171–180) to persons conducting operations under the direction of Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA) Region 4 (61 Forsyth Street SW., Atlanta, GA 30303) or United States Coast Guard (USCG) 7th District (Brickell Plaza Federal Building, 909 SE 1st Avenue, Miami, FL 33131–3050) within the Hurricane Irma emergency area of Georgia. The Waiver is granted to support EPA and USCG in taking appropriate actions to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a threat to public health, welfare, or the environment caused by actual or potential oil and hazardous materials incidents resulting from Hurricane Irma.

On September 8, 2017, the President issued an Emergency Declaration for Hurricane Irma for the counties of Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Bryan, Bulloch, Burke, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Chatham, Clinch, Coffee, Echols, Effingham, Emanuel, Evans, Glynn, Jenkins, Jeff Davis, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Pierce, Screven, Tattnall, Toombs, Treutlen, Wayne, and Ware in Georgia (EM–3387).

This Waiver Order covers all areas identified in the declaration, as amended. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5103(c), PHMSA has authority delegated by the Secretary (49 CFR 1.97(b)(3)) to waive compliance with any part of the HMR provided that the grant of the waiver is: (1) In the public interest; (2) not inconsistent with the safety of transporting hazardous materials; and (3) necessary to facilitate the safe movement of hazardous materials into, from, and within an area of a major disaster or emergency that has been declared under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.*).

Given the continuing impacts caused by Hurricane Irma, PHMSA's Acting Administrator has determined that regulatory relief is in the public interest and necessary to ensure the safe transportation in commerce of hazardous materials while EPA and USCG execute their recovery and cleanup efforts in Georgia. Specifically, PHMSA's Acting Administrator finds that issuing this Waiver Order will allow EPA and USCG to conduct their emergency support function under the National Response Framework to safely remove, transport, and dispose of hazardous materials. By execution of this Waiver Order, persons conducting operations under the direction of EPA Region 4 or USCG 7th District within the Hurricane Irma emergency area of Georgia are authorized to offer and transport non-radioactive hazardous materials under alternative safety requirements imposed by EPA Region 4 or USCG 7th District when compliance with the HMR is not practicable. Under this Waiver Order, non-radioactive