# 49 CFR Subtitle A (10–1–13 Edition)

## §1.86 The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Is responsible for:

(a) Managing program and regulatory activities, including administering laws and promulgating and enforcing regulations on safety matters relating to motor carrier safety;

(b) Carrying out motor carrier registration and authority to regulate household goods transportation;

(c) Developing strategies for improving commercial motor vehicle, operator, and carrier safety and administering grants to implement these strategies;

(d) Inspecting records and equipment of commercial motor carriers, and investigating accidents and reporting violations of motor carrier safety regulations;

(e) Carrying out research, development, and technology transfer activities to promote safety of operation and equipment of motor vehicles for the motor carrier transportation program; and

(f) Carrying out an effective communications and outreach program which includes providing relevant safety data to the public.

### §1.87 Delegations to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator is delegated authority to:

(a) Carry out the following functions and exercise the authority vested in the Secretary by 49 U.S.C., Subtitle IV, part B:

(1) Chapter 131, relating to general provisions on transportation policy;

(2) Chapter 133, relating to administrative provisions;

(3) Chapter 135, relating to jurisdiction;

(4) Sections 13704 and 13707 of chapter 137, relating to rates, routes, and services;

(5) Chapter 139, relating to registration and financial responsibility requirements, except section 13907(d)(2);

(6) Chapter 141, relating to operations of motor carriers;

(7) Sections 14701 through 14705, 14707, 14708, 14710, and 14711 of chapter 147, relating to enforcement remedies, inves-

tigations and motor carrier liability; and

(8) Sections 14901 through 14913 and 14915 of chapter 149 relating to civil and criminal penalties for violations of 49 U.S.C. subtitle IV, part B.

(b) Carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by sections 104 and 204 of the ICC Termination Act of 1995, Public Law 104-88, 109 Stat. 803, relating to self-insurance rules and a savings clause.

(c) Carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by 42 U.S.C. 4917, relating to procedures for the inspection, surveillance and measurement of commercial motor vehicles for compliance with interstate motor carrier noise emission standards and related enforcement activities including the promulgation of necessary regulations.

(d) Carry out the following functions and exercise the authority vested in the Secretary by chapter 51 of title 49, U.S.C.:

(1) Except as delegated to the Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy by §1.25, carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by 49 U.S.C. 5121(a), (b), (c), and (d), 5122, 5123, and 5124, relating to the transportation or shipment of hazardous materials by highway.

(2) Carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by 49 U.S.C. 5105(e), relating to inspections of motor vehicles carrying hazardous material; 49 U.S.C. 5109, relating to motor carrier safety permits, except subsection (f); 49 U.S.C. 5112, relating to highway routing of hazardous materials: 49 U.S.C. 5113. relating to unsatisfactory safety ratings of motor carriers: 49 U.S.C. 5119. relating to uniform forms and procedures; and 49 U.S.C. 5125(a) and (c)-(f), relating to preemption determinations or waivers of preemption of hazardous materials highway routing requirements.

(e) Carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by:

(1) Chapter 313 of 49, U.S.C., relating to commercial motor vehicle operators; and

(2) Section 4123(c), (d) and (e) of SAFETEA-LU relating to grants, funding, and contract authority and availability, respectively, for commercial

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(f) Carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by subchapters I, III, and IV of chapter 311, title 49, U.S.C., and 49 U.S.C. 31111, relating to commercial motor vehicle programs, safety regulation, and international activities, except that the authority to promulgate safety standards for commercial motor vehicles and equipment subsequent to initial manufacture is limited to standards that are not based upon and similar to a Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard promulgated under chapter 301 of title 49, U.S.C.

(g) Carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by 49 U.S.C. 5701 relating to food transportation inspections of commercial motor vehicles.

(h) Carry out the functions and exercise the authority delegated to the Secretary in section 2(d)(2) of Executive Order 12777 (3 CFR, 1992 Comp., p. 351), as amended, with respect to highway transportation, relating to the approval of means to ensure the availability of private personnel and equipment to remove, to the maximum extent practicable, a worst case discharge, the review and approval of response plans, and the authorization of motor carriers, subject to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Public Law 87-88, as amended [33 U.S.C. 1321], to operate without approved response plans.

(i) Carry out chapter 315 of title 49, U.S.C., relating to motor carrier safe-ty.

(j) Carry out 49 U.S.C. 502, 503, 504, 506, and 523 to the extent they relate to motor carriers, motor carriers of migrant workers, and motor private carriers; 49 U.S.C. 507 to the extent it relates to motor carriers, motor carries of migrant workers, motor private carriers, or freight forwarders; and 49 U.S.C. 505, 508, and 521(b).

(k) Carry out the functions and exercise the authority vested in the Secretary by 23 U.S.C. 502(a)(1)(A).

(1) Carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by the following sections of SAFETEA-LU:

(1) Section 4105(b)(1) relating to the study concerning predatory tow truck operations;

(2) Section 4126, relating to the commercial vehicle information systems and networks deployment program;

(3) Section 4127, relating to outreach and education;

(4) Section 4128, relating to grants under the safety data improvement program;

(5) Section 4130–4133, amending section 229 of the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 (49 U.S.C. 31136 note) relating to the operators of vehicles transporting agricultural commodities and farm supplies, and hours of service for miscellaneous vehicle operators;

(6) Section 4134 (49 U.S.C. 31301 note), relating to the grant program for persons to train operators of commercial motor vehicles;

(7) [Reserved]

(8) Section 4136 relating to interstate vans;

(9) Section 4138 relating to high risk carrier compliance (49 U.S.C. 31100 note);

(10) Section 4139(a)(1), relating to the training of and outreach to State personnel; section (b)(1) relating to a review of Canadian and Mexican compliance with Federal motor vehicles safety standards; and the first sentence of section (b)(2) relating to the report concerning the findings and conclusions of the review required by section (b)(1) (see 49 U.S.C. 31100 note);

(11) Section 4143, granting authority to stop commercial motor vehicles, 18 U.S.C. 3064;

(12) Section 4144, relating to a motor carrier safety advisory committee;

(13) [Reserved]

(14) Section 4147, relating to emergency conditions requiring immediate response (amending section 229 of the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 (49 U.S.C. 31136 note);

(15) Section 4213, relating to the establishment of a working group for the development of practices and procedures to enhance Federal-State relations (49 U.S.C. 14710 note);

(16) Section 4214, relating to the establishment of a system for collecting consumer complaint information and issuing regulations related to reporting requirements under the system (49 U.S.C. 14701 note); and §1.88

(17) Section 4308, granting authority to adopt regulations to carry out SAFETEA-LU, Title IV, subtitle C (49 U.S.C. 13902 note).

### §1.88 The Federal Railroad Administration.

Is responsible for:

(a) Regulating safety functions pertaining to railroads;

(b) Conducting research and development activity in support of safer and more efficient rail transportation;

(c) Investigating and issuing reports concerning collisions, derailments, and other railroad accidents resulting in serious injury to persons or to the property of a railroad;

(d) Developing safety strategies to combat the causes of collisions, derailments, and other railroad accidents, as well as to reduce overall risk in the Nation's rail systems;

(e) Promoting and strengthening the national rail system, including freight rail and high speed and higher performing intercity passenger rail.

(f) Providing financial assistance, including grants, loans and loan guarantees, for rail freight and intermodal development, as well as high-speed and intercity passenger rail development;

(g) Maximizing the positive impacts on the U.S. economy by encouraging domestic manufacturing on rail projects through the enforcement of Buy America provisions; and

(h) Strengthening local communities by supporting station-area development and strong connections among rail passenger service, intercity bus, local transit, bicycle/pedestrian, and airport facilities.

#### §1.89 Delegations to the Federal Railroad Adminstrator.

The Federal Railroad Administrator is delegated authority to:

(a) Carry out the functions and exercise the authority vested in the Secretary by 49 U.S.C. Subtitle V, Part A (Safety, chapter 201 *et seq.*), Part B (Assistance, chapter 221 *et seq.*), Part C (Passenger Transportation, chapter 241 *et seq.*), Part D (High Speed Rail, chapter 261), and section 28101 of Part E, relating to the law enforcement authority of railroad police officers; except 49 U.S.C. 20134 with respect to highway, traffic, and motor vehicle safety and highway construction.

(b) Carry out the functions and exercise the authority vested in the Secretary by the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-432, Div. A, 122 Stat. 4848).

(c) Carry out the functions and exercise the authority vested in the Secretary by the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-432, Div. B, 122 Stat. 4907), except Title VI (122 Stat. 4968) as it relates to capital and preventive maintenance projects for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

(d) Carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by 33 U.S.C. 535c, as it relates to railroad bridges not over navigable waterways.

(e) Exercise the administrative powers vested in the Secretary by 49 U.S.C. Subtitle I, Chapter 5 (section 501 *et seq.*) pertaining to railroad safety and 49 U.S.C. 103 (Federal Railway Administration).

(f) Promote and undertake research and development relating to rail matters generally (49 U.S.C. Chapter 3 (section 301 *et seq*). and 49 U.S.C. 102).

(g) Carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by 45 U.S.C. Ch. 15 (Section 601 *et seq.*) with respect to emergency rail services, except the authority to make findings required by 45 U.S.C. 662(a) and the authority to sign guarantees of certificates issued by trustees.

(h) Carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by 45 U.S.C. chapter 17 (section 801 *et seq.*) with respect to railroad revitalization and regulatory reform and the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing program.

(i) Carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by 45 U.S.C. chapter 21 (section 1201 *et seq.*) related to the Alaska Railroad transfer.

(j) Except as delegated to the Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy by §1.25 of this part, carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by 49 U.S.C. 5121-5124 relating to the transportation or shipment of hazardous materials by railroad.

(k) Carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by section 7 of Executive Order 12580 (delegating sections 108 and 109, respectively, of the Comprehensive