

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before March 25, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Lorenzo Allen, Lead Transportation Specialist, Office of Registration & Safety Information, West Building 6th Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 385-2465, lorenzo.allen@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Financial Responsibility Motor Carriers, Freight Forwarders, and Brokers.

OMB Control Number: 2126-0017.

Type of Request: Renewal.

Respondents: For-hire Motor Carriers, Brokers, and Freight Forwarders.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200,147.

Estimated Time per Response: The estimated average burden per response for Form BMC-40 is 40 hours. The estimated average burden per response for forms BMC-34, 35, 36, 82, 83, 84, 85, 91, and 91X is 10 minutes per form. In addition, form BMC-32 takes 10 minutes.

Expiration Date: February 28, 2022.

Frequency of Response: Certificates of insurance, surety bonds, and trust fund agreements are required when the transportation entity first registers with FMCSA and then when such coverages are changed or replaced by these entities. Notices of cancellation are required only when such certificates of insurance, surety bonds, or trust fund agreements are cancelled. The BMC-40 is filed only when a motor carrier or freight forwarder seeks approval from FMCSA to self-insure its bodily injury and property damage (BI & PD) and/or cargo liability coverage.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 49,439 hours.

Background: The Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) is authorized to register for-hire motor carriers of property and passengers under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13902, surface freight forwarders under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13903, and property brokers under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13904. These persons may conduct transportation services only if they are registered pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 13901. The registration remains valid only as long as these transportation entities

maintain, on file with FMCSA, evidence of the required levels of financial responsibility pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 13906. FMCSA regulations governing the financial responsibility requirements for these entities are found at 49 CFR part 387. The Secretary has delegated authority pertaining to these requirements to FMCSA. The information collected from these forms are summarized and displayed in FMCSA’s Licensing and Information system.

Forms for Endorsements, Certificates of Insurance and Other Evidence of BI & PD Liability and Cargo Liability Financial Responsibility

Forms BMC-91 and BMC-91X, titled “Motor Carrier Automobile Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability Certificate of Insurance,” and Form BMC-82, titled “Motor Carrier Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability Surety Bond Under 49 U.S.C. 13906,” provide evidence of the required coverage for BI & PD liability. A Form BMC-91X filing is required when a carrier’s insurance is provided by multiple companies instead of just one. Form BMC-34, titled “Household Goods Motor Carrier Cargo Liability Certificate of Insurance,” and Form BMC-83, titled “Household Goods Motor Carrier Cargo Liability Surety Bond Under 49 U.S.C. 13906,” establish a carrier’s compliance with the Agency’s cargo liability requirements. Only household goods (HHG) motor carriers and HHG freight forwarders are required to file evidence of cargo insurance with FMCSA. §§ 387.303T(c), 387.403T(c). Form BMC-90, titled “Endorsement for Motor Carrier Policies of Insurance for Automobile Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability Under Section 13906, Title 49 of the United States Code,” and Form BMC-32, titled “Endorsement for Household Goods Motor Carrier Policies of Insurance for Cargo Liability Under 49 U.S.C. 13906,” are executed by the insurance company, attached to the BI & PD or cargo liability insurance policy, respectively, and forwarded to the motor carrier or freight forwarder.

Requirement To Obtain Surety Bond or Trust Fund Agreement

Form BMC-84, titled “Broker’s or Freight Forwarder’s Surety Bond Under 49 U.S.C. 13906,” and Form BMC-85, titled “Broker’s or Freight Forwarder’s Trust Fund Agreement under 49 U.S.C. 13906 or Notice of Cancellation of the Agreement,” are filed by brokers or freight forwarders to comply with the requirement that they must have a \$75,000 surety bond or trust fund agreement in effect before FMCSA will

issue property broker or freight forwarder operating authority registration.

Cancellation of Prior Filings

Form BMC-35, titled “Notice of Cancellation Motor Carrier Insurance under 49 U.S.C. 13906,” Form BMC-36, titled “Motor Carrier and Broker’s Surety Bonds under 49 U.S.C. 13906 Notice of Cancellation,” and Form BMC-85, titled “Broker’s or Freight Forwarder’s Trust Fund Agreement under 49 U.S.C. 13906 or Notice of Cancellation of the Agreement,” can be used to cancel prior filings.

Self-Insurance

Motor carriers and freight forwarders can also apply to FMCSA to self-insure BI & PD and/or cargo liability in lieu of filing certificates of insurance or surety bonds with the FMCSA. Form BMC-40 is the application used by motor carriers to apply for self-insurance authority.

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Thomas P. Keane,

Associate Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2021-0089]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Renewal Information Collection Request; National Consumer Complaint Database

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval and invites public comment. This renewal collection of information is for the

National Consumer Complaint Database (NCCDB), which is an online interface allowing consumers, drivers, and others to file complaints against unsafe and unscrupulous companies and/or their employees, including shippers, receivers, and transportation intermediaries, depending on the type of complaint. These complaints cover a wide range of issues, including but not limited to driver harassment, coercion, movement of household goods, financial responsibility instruments for brokers and freight forwarders, Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliance, Electronic Logging Device (ELD), Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT), Medical Review Officer (MRO), and Substance Abuse Professional (SAP) complaints. FMCSA requests approval to renew the ICR titled “National Consumer Complaint Database” covered by OMB Control Number 2126–0067 in order to continue to collect consumer complaint information so FMCSA can use this data to take enforcement action, better inform FMCSA policies for safer motor carrier operations, and improve consumer protection.

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ADDRESSES: All comments should reference Federal Docket Management System Docket Number FMCSA–2021–0089. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), OMB. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, DOT/FMCSA, and sent via email to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov, faxed to (202) 395–6974, or mailed to OIRA, OMB, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Donnice Wagoner, DOT, FMCSA, Commercial Enforcement Division/MC–SEI, West Building 6th Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366–8045, Donnice.Wagoner@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

FMCSA maintains online information and resources to assist drivers, others in the motor carrier industry, and members of the general public in filing safety complaints regarding household goods (HHG) carriers, hazardous material (HM) carriers, property carriers, cargo tank facilities, passenger carriers, Electronic Logging Devices (ELD), Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) providers, Medical Review Officers (MRO) and Substance Abuse Professionals (SAP)

reporting to the Agency’s Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse. There is also information pertaining to the filing of consumer complaints, particularly regarding HHG transportation and ADA compliance.¹ This online interface is known as the NCCDB. The NCCDB has contributed to safer motor carrier operations on our nation’s highways by identifying carriers for investigations and improved consumer protection by ensuring moving companies use fair business practices. FMCSA uses the information collected in the NCCDB to monitor and induce non-compliant regulated entities to achieve and maintain compliance.

The NCCDB grew out of a telephone hotline known as the Safety Violation Hotline Service. Congress mandated this hotline in Section 4017 of the “Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century,” Public Law 105–178, 112 Stat. 107, June 9, 1998. The Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999, Public Law 106–159, 113 Stat. 1748, December 9, 1999, created FMCSA and section 213 of the Act expanded the Safety Violation Hotline Service to include a 24-hour operation. On August 10, 2005, Congress enacted the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, (SAFETEA–LU), Public Law 109–59, 119 Stat. 1144. Section 4214 of SAFETEA–LU requires DOT to create a system to record and log aggregate complaint information regarding violations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

The NCCDB fulfills the requirements of these mandates. Complaints are accepted through the NCCDB in connection with other statutory mandates, including, but not limited to, protection of drivers against harassment and coercion under sections 32301(b) and 32911, respectively, of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, Public Law 112–141, 126 Stat. 405. The NCCDB also accepts complaints from interested parties regarding third party intermediaries (brokers and freight forwarders) and their associated financial responsibility instruments.

Federal Register Notice and Summary of Public Comments Received

On September 3, 2021, FMCSA published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing a renewal ICR pertaining to the NCCDB. 86 FR 49594 (September 3 notice). FMCSA sought public comment on the ICR, including

¹ DOT maintains reporting and other requirements for over-the-road buses under its ADA regulations. (For a complete listing of the DOT’s ADA regulations, see 49 CFR parts 37 and 38.)

(1) whether the proposed collection is necessary for the agency to perform its mission, (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden, (3) ways for FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information, and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. Id. at 49595.

On September 7, 2021, a private citizen, MJ Thorne (Thorne), filed a comment in response to the September 3 notice. In the comments, Thorne suggested that the database include “a series for brokers who falsely give delivery dates, then hold carrier/driver hostage for days and refuse to pay layover or adequate layover. . . . [and] a category for receivers who likewise set appointments, then tell driver they won’t get trailer back for days.” Thorne also suggested that the database include “a section for lumper violations.”

FMCSA is in the process of updating the NCCDB. The update will include the option for the system user to select broker allegations specific to property carriers when filing their complaint. FMCSA appreciates the suggestions regarding adding an NCCDB complaint category for receivers and lumpers; however, FMCSA is not currently considering those additions.

On September 17, 2021, a private citizen, Matt Schulz (Schulz) filed a comment in response to the September 3 Notice. In the comments, Schulz raised concerns about FMCSA’s failure to timely respond to his complaint; and FMCSA’s failure to investigate his complaint thoroughly.

FMCSA appreciates the comment; however, the comment does not pertain to this Information Collection Renewal request. FMCSA will strive to respond to every complaint promptly, thoroughly investigate all valid complaints, and initiate enforcement action when applicable.

On October 26, 2021, the Transportation Intermediaries Association (TIA) filed a comment (TIA comment) in response to the September 3 Notice. TIA raised concerns about FMCSA’s lack of enforcement for unlawful brokerage activities. TIA indicated that it “knows of several dozen complaints that have been reported to the Agency through the NCCDB for unlawful brokerage activities, with no enforcement action taken.” TIA comment, at 3–4. TIA recommended that the “Agency amend the user interface for the NCCDB to make it easier for folks to file complaints with the Agency.” Id. at 4. TIA noted that “there is not a place for licensed property brokers to easily

identify areas to make a complaint.” *Id.* Additionally, TIA stated that it “stands ready to work with the Agency to make the NCCDB a useful tool to identify bad actors whether it be a motor carrier, a broker, or another entity, and use that information to take the necessary enforcement action.” *Id.*

As previously mentioned, FMCSA is in the process of updating the NCCDB to include its interface. FMCSA is hopeful that the update to the interface will make it easier for system users to file complaints in the NCCDB. The update will also include the option for the system user to select broker allegations specific to property carriers when filing their complaint. FMCSA will strive to respond to every complaint promptly, thoroughly investigate all valid complaints, and initiate enforcement action when applicable.

On November 2, 2021, the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association, Inc (OOIDA) filed a comment (OOIDA comments) in response to the September 3 Notice. In its comments, OOIDA acknowledged that the “Information Collection Request is necessary for the agency to perform its mission. . . .” OOIDA comments, at 2. However, OOIDA indicated that “[a]s currently administered, the NCCDB is an inadequate outlet for drivers to report harassment, coercion, and other violations of commercial regulations.” *Id.* at 1. Moreover, OOIDA raised concerns about the Agency’s response to complaints, insufficient follow-up with drivers after filing complaints, the ambiguity of the name “National Consumer Complaint Database,” and FMCSA’s lack of outreach to drivers informing them about the NCCDB. *Id.* at 1–2. Finally, OOIDA “encourage[d] FMCSA to collaborate with GAO so overdue changes to the NCCDB can be made as soon as possible.” *Id.* at 2.

As previously mentioned, FMCSA is in the process of updating the NCCDB. FMCSA is hopeful that the update will improve the adequacy of the database and allow drivers to report harassment, coercion, and additional violations of commercial regulations. FMCSA is not currently considering changing the National Consumer Complaint Database’s name. The National Consumer Complaint Database, commonly referred to as the NCCDB, is a well-known and highly frequented database that consumers, brokers, motor carriers, and industry personnel use. In 2021, the database received over 18,000 complaints. Therefore, FMCSA does not believe that there is a stakeholder awareness problem due to the name of the database. FMCSA looks forward to

continuing to hear OOIDA’s perspective on the name of the database and categories within it and will strive to respond to every complaint promptly, thoroughly investigate all valid complaints, and initiate enforcement action when applicable.

FMCSA looks forward to continuing to work with stakeholders on issues related to the NCCDB.

Title: National Consumer Complaint Database.

OMB Control Number: 2126–0067.

Type of Request: Information collection request renewal.

Respondents: Consumers, Drivers, and Other Participants in the Motor Carrier Industry.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 18,546.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Expiration Date: February 28, 2022.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 4,638 hours [18,546 respondents × 1 response per respondent × 15 minutes per response = 4,638]. Note that estimates may not match exactly due to rounding.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA–2021–0115]

Pipeline Safety: Information Collection Activities, Gas and Liquid Pipeline Safety Program Performance Progress Report

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44

U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the information collection request abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the information collection was published on December 15, 2021.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 25, 2022.

ADDRESSES: The public is invited to submit comments regarding this information collection request, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503. Comments can also be submitted electronically at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela Hill by email at angela.dow@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1320.8(d), Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, requires PHMSA to provide interested members of the public and affected agencies an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping requests. In accordance with this regulation, on December 15, 2021, (86 FR 71317) PHMSA published a **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the information collection. PHMSA received no comments in response to this information collection request. This notice identifies the information collection request that PHMSA will submit to the OMB for approval.

The following information is provided below for the impacted information collection: (1) Title of the information collection; (2) OMB control number; (3) Current expiration date; (4) Type of request; (5) Abstract of the information collection activity; (6) Description of affected public; (7) Estimate of total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden; and (8) Frequency of collection.

PHMSA will request a three-year term of approval for the following information collection:

Title: Gas Pipeline Safety Program Performance Progress Report and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Program Performance Progress Report.

OMB Control Number: 2137–0584.

Current Expiration Date: 03/31/2022.

Abstract: Section 60105 of 49 U.S.C. sets forth specific requirements a state must meet to qualify for certification status to assume regulatory and enforcement responsibility for intrastate