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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[Docket No. FMCSA-2024-0091]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Approval of a New Information Collection Request: Quantitative Data on Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers Safety Belt Usage**

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 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. This notice announces that FMCSA intends to use quantitative data collection techniques through a self-administered online survey to understand commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers’ perceptions and behaviors regarding safety belt usage and road safety. Four comments were received from the public in response to the 60-day **Federal Register** notice.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before December 23, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://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:** Brian Ronk, Marketing Specialist, Office of Outreach and Education, DOT, FMCSA, West Building 6th Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001; (202) 366-1072; [Brian.Ronk@dot.gov](mailto:Brian.Ronk@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Online Survey on Safety Belt Usage of Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers.

*OMB Control Number:* 2126-00XX.

*Type of Request:* New ICR.

*Respondents:* Commercial motor vehicle drivers residing in the United States.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,060.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Expiration Date:* This is a new ICR.

*Frequency of Response:* Other—The survey will be conducted over a three-to-four-week period.

**ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN**

Category of respondent	Number of respondents	Participation time (minutes)	Burden (hours)
Pre-testing survey instrument .....	10	10	1.66
Piloting the survey .....	50	10	8.33
Self-administered survey .....	1,000	10	166.66
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>1,060</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>176.65</b>

**Background**

Existing data on the usage of safety belts and perceptions related to road safety do not capture the diversity of different types of CMV drivers in a post-coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic landscape. Understanding safety belt usage and perceptions of road safety among CMV drivers will assist FMCSA in gauging emerging trends among this cohort and will inform future messaging and communication efforts targeting CMV drivers.

Eligible participants are self-identified CMV drivers residing in the United States with internet access. The collection is an online voluntary survey, with a low burden for respondents and a low cost for the Federal Government. The collection is non-controversial and does not raise issues of concern to other Federal agencies. The results are not intended to be disseminated to the public, and the information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions. The collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions

from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the future. Personally identifiable information (PII) is not being collected. There are no gifts or payment incentives (e.g., money or reimbursement of expenses, a token of appreciation) being provided to participants.

The following public comments were received in response to the 60-day **Federal Register** notice, which was published on June 13, 2024 (89 FR 50402):

FMCSA received four public comments in response to the 60-day notice regarding the proposed survey on safety belt usage by commercial motor vehicle drivers. Three comments provided personal perspectives on safety belt use and broader reflections on safety belt mandates. One comment questioned the need and cost of the survey and whether a Federal law on safety belt usage is intended because of the survey’s proposed data collection.

In reply to this comment, the data collected in the proposed survey will

help FMCSA identify attitudes and behaviors related to safety belt usage among commercial motor vehicle drivers. The data gained from this undertaking will inform targeted communication strategies directed at commercial motor vehicle drivers related to safety belt use compliance. FMCSA develops and enforces regulations to ensure safety on the nation’s highways but does not have the authority to create Federal laws. The proposed study’s overall cost is less than thirty-six thousand dollars.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) whether the proposed collection is necessary for the performance of FMCSA’s functions; (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.

Issued under the authority of 49 CFR 1.87.

**Thomas P. Keane,**

*Associate Administrator, Office of Research and Registration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2024-0145]

#### Coastwise Endorsement Eligibility Determination for a Foreign-Built Vessel: LEVERAGE (Motor); Invitation for Public Comments

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to issue coastwise endorsement eligibility determinations for foreign-built vessels which will carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. A request for such a determination has been received by MARAD. By this notice, MARAD seeks comments from interested parties as to any effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before December 23, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2024-0145 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2024-0145 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD-2024-0145, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**Note:** If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name and

specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, or to submit comments that are confidential in nature, see the section entitled Public Participation.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patricia Hagerty, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23-461, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-0903. Email: [patricia.hagerty@dot.gov](mailto:patricia.hagerty@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described in the application, the intended service of the vessel LEVERAGE is:

*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* Requester intends to offer passenger charters.

*Geographic Region Including Base of Operations:* Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, the east coast of Florida, and between Ketchikan and Juneau, Alaska. Base of Operations: Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

*Vessel Length and Type:* 115' Motor yacht.

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD 2024-0145 at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the employment of the vessel in the coastwise trade to carry no more than 12 passengers will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, MARAD will not issue an approval of the vessel's coastwise endorsement eligibility. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter's interest in the application, and address the eligibility criteria given in section 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

#### Public Participation

##### *How do I submit comments?*

Please submit your comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. Be advised that it may take a few hours or even days for your comment to be reflected

on the docket. In addition, your comments must be written in English. We encourage you to provide concise comments and you may attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

*Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?*

Go to the docket online at <https://www.regulations.gov>, keyword search MARAD-2024-0145 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). We recommend that you periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

*Will my comments be made available to the public?*

Yes. Be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

*May I submit comments confidentially?*

If you wish to submit comments under a claim of confidentiality, you should submit the information you claim to be confidential commercial information by email to [SmallVessels@dot.gov](mailto:SmallVessels@dot.gov). Include in the email subject heading "Contains Confidential Commercial Information" or "Contains CCI" and state in your submission, with specificity, the basis for any such confidential claim highlighting or denoting the CCI portions. If possible, please provide a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

In the event MARAD receives a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the information, procedures described in the Department's FOIA regulation at 49 CFR 7.29 will be followed. Only information that is ultimately determined to be confidential under those procedures will be exempt from disclosure under FOIA.

#### Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). For information on DOT's compliance with the Privacy Act, please visit <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>.

(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 55103, 46 U.S.C. 12121)