

Transportation Association (APTA) petitioned FRA for relief from certain regulations concerning brake equipment maintenance requirements of multiple unit (MU) locomotives.

DATES: FRA must receive comments on the petition by September 29, 2025. FRA will consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES:

Comments: Comments related to this docket may be submitted by going to <https://www.regulations.gov> and following the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>; this includes any personal information. Please see the Privacy Act heading in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document for Privacy Act information related to any submitted comments or materials.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for accessing the docket.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harry Weisinger, Railroad Safety Specialist, FRA Motive Power & Equipment Division, telephone: 202-493-0036, email: harold.weisinger@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letter dated June 16, 2025, APTA petitioned FRA for a special approval of an alternative standard to certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 238 (Passenger Equipment Safety Standards). FRA assigned the petition Docket No. FRA-2025-0260.

Specifically, APTA requests approval of an alternative standard to § 238.309(b)(4), *Periodic brake equipment maintenance*, for electro-pneumatic type brake systems on Stadler GTW and FLIRT MUs. The regulation states that brake systems on MUs have maintenance intervals of 736 days (about 2 years) for cleaning, repairing, and testing brake components. APTA petitions to increase the maintenance interval to at least 1,840 days (about 5 years).¹ In support

of its petition, APTA states that the MUs are 100 percent equipped with air dryers.

With this petition, APTA intends to begin an age exploration program, in which a test committee (including the original equipment manufacturer and FRA representatives), would test the brake components of GTW and FLIRT MUs. Testing of 2 vehicles per type would be conducted every half year up to 5 years of service,² as a representational percentage of the 21 GTW and 20 FLIRT cars that are in revenue service on six railroads.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

Communications received by September 29, 2025 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of FRA's dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacy-notice> for the privacy notice of [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).

_____ maintenance interval requested in the petition, as warranted.

² See previous note regarding the potential consideration of a program with a duration beyond 5 years.

Issued in Washington, DC.

John Karl Alexy,

Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety, Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2025-0095]

Request for Comments on the Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Application for Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for Small Passenger Vessels

AGENCY: Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: MARAD invites public comments on its intention to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed collection OMB 2133-0529 (Application for Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for Small Passenger Vessels) is used to identify the effect of potential foreign-built small passenger vessel coastwise operations on U.S. vessel builders and coastwise trade businesses. Since the last renewal there was an increase in the total respondents, responses, burden hours and cost to respondents. MARAD is required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Hagerty, (202) 366-0903, Office of Cargo and Commercial Sealift, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, Email: smallvessels@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for Small Passenger Vessels.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0529.

Type of Request: Extension With Change of a Currently Approved Collection.

¹ FRA may consider APTA's petition as a request to conduct an age exploration program that may demonstrate a potential cleaning, repairing, and testing interval beyond the 1,840-day minimum

Abstract: Owners of foreign-built small passenger vessels must request an eligibility determination from the Maritime Administration (MARAD) to engage in coastwise trade.

Respondents: Owners and prospective owners, vessel agents, brokers, and charterers of U.S. built vessels; vessels that were not U.S. built and is at least 3 years old; or if U.S. rebuilt, was rebuilt in the U.S. or outside of the United States at least 3 years before a coastwise endorsement under 46 U.S.C. 12121(b) would take effect.

Affected Public: U.S. vessel builders and owners of U.S. passenger vessels.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Number of Responses: 200.

Estimated Hours per Response: 1.

Annual Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 200.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

A 60-day **Federal Register** Notice soliciting comments on this information collection was published on June 9, 2025, in the **Federal Register** 90 FR 24312 indicating comments should be submitted on or before August 8, 2025. The posting received two public comments in reference to this collection renewal. One comment was non-substantive and unrelated to the program. The other comment from the Passenger Vessel Association was substantive and will be further evaluated and provided a more detailed response.

(Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.49.)

By Order of the Maritime Administration.
T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,
Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2025–0466]

Request for Comments on the Renewal of a Previously Approved Collection: Maritime Administration Annual Service Obligation Compliance Report

AGENCY: Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: MARAD invites public comments on its intention to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection in accordance

with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed collection OMB 2133–0509 (Maritime Administration Annual Service Obligation Compliance Report) is used to determine if a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) or a State Maritime Academy (SMA) Student Incentive Payment (SIP) program, is complying with the terms of the service obligation. There are no changes since the last renewal. MARAD is required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

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: Danielle Bennett, 202–366–7618, Office of Maritime Labor and Training, W23–458, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room, Washington, DC 20590, Email: Maritime.Graduate@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Maritime Administration Annual Service Obligation Compliance Report.

OMB Control Number: 2133–0509.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: 46 U.S.C. 51306 and 46 U.S.C. 51509 imposes a service obligation on every USMMA and SMA SIP program graduate. This mandatory service obligation is for the Federal financial assistance the graduate received as a student. The obligation consists of: (1) maintaining U.S. Coast Guard merchant mariner credentials and officer endorsements (unlimited license) as an officer in the merchant marine of the United States for at least six years following graduation from an academy; (2) serving as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve, the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, or any other reserve unit of an armed force of the United States for at least eight years following graduation from an academy; and (3) serving as a merchant marine officer on U.S.-flag vessels as an employee in a U.S. maritime-related industry ashore, or as a commissioned officer on active duty in an armed force of the United States, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Corps, United States Public Health Service (USPHS) Corps or other

MARAD approved service; and (4) report annually on their compliance with the service obligation after graduation.

Respondents: USMMA and SMA SIP program graduates.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,100.

Estimated Number of Responses: 2,100.

Estimated Hours per Response: 20 Minutes.

Annual Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 700.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

A 60-day **Federal Register** Notice soliciting comments on this information collection was published on June 6, 2025 (90 FR 24192).

(Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.49.)

By Order of the Maritime Administration.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Agency Information Collection Activities: Information Collection Renewal; Submission for OMB Review; Municipal Securities Dealers and Government Securities Brokers and Dealers—Registration and Withdrawal

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The OCC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites comment on a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). In accordance with the requirements of the PRA, the OCC may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The OCC is soliciting comment concerning the renewal of its information collection titled, “Municipal Securities Dealers and Government Securities Brokers and Dealers—Registration and Withdrawal.” The OCC also is giving notice that it has sent the collection to OMB for review.

DATES: Comments must be received by September 29, 2025.