

rule in the **Federal Register** and this version is also mailed to owners and operators of the product, resulting in an owner or operator receiving the same information twice.

Special Airworthiness Information Bulletins (SAIB) provide recommended actions that owners and operators may use to improve the safety of their products. Because the information contained in SAIBs is not mandatory, they are not published in the **Federal Register**; instead we have mailed them to owners and operators as a public service.

Since the advent of the internet and the Federal Government's initiative to make more information available to the public electronically, it is the intent of this notice to inform the public of our policy initiative to make documents available to the public on the internet and eliminate what is now evident to be an unnecessary printing and mailing expense.

Policy

We will begin implementation of the following changes in the dissemination of all final rule ADs, EADs, and SAIBs effective immediately:

(a) We will no longer mail AD corrections (corrections that don't receive a new amendment number and AD number) to affected owners and operators. ADs requiring corrections will continue to be published in their entirety in the **Federal Register** and on our website. ADs resubmitted because of a required "correction" will be so identified on our AD web page.

(b) We will only mail ADs applicable to a certain engine model to the owners and operators who have registered their engine, not to the registered aircraft owners and operators referenced in the AD.

(c) We will only mail the regulatory text, or "body", of ADs to registered owners and operators. We will no longer include the preamble information along with the text of the AD. Note that the complete text of ADs can be viewed by logging onto the **Federal Register** or FAA Web site. We will include both internet addresses in every mailed AD.

(d) We will continue to mail or fax EADs to affected owners and operators. However, the final rule version of an EAD will no longer be mailed to owners and operators since this is a duplicate mailing.

(e) We will no longer mail SAIBs to individual owners, operators, or repair stations. Instead, we have a new e-mail subscription service available on our SAIB Web page. As such, we are advising those interested to sign up for the SAIB free e-mail service and check

our Web site at www.faa.gov/aircraft/safety/alerts regularly for new SAIB postings.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2006-25676]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments for New Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA has forwarded the information collection request described in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval of a new information collection. We published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on June 19, 2006. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by September 25, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments within 30 days to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer. You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. All comments should include the Docket number FHWA-2006-25676.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chien-Tan Chang, Office of Bridge Technology, HIBT-1, (202) 366-6749, Fax (202) 366-3077, or e-mail chien-tan.chang@dot.gov. For legal questions, please contact Mr. Robert Black, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-1359, robert.black@fhwa.dot.gov; Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street,

SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Innovative Bridge Research and Deployment (IBRD) program.

Background

Congress established the Innovative Bridge Research and Construction (IBRC) program, the predecessor of the IBRD program, in the *Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century* (TEA-21) (Pub. L. 105-178). The IBRC program was continued in SAFETEA-LU, but was renamed as the IBRD program. Funds are provided to the States under the IBRD program to pay the Federal share of the cost of projects that demonstrate innovative accelerated bridge design and construction technology and the application of innovative material technology in the repair, rehabilitation, replacement, or new construction of bridges and other highway structures. For each of the fiscal years 2005 through 2009, approximately \$13.1 million will be available. For FY 2006, approximately \$2.2 million is available for the IBRC program, and approximately \$5.1 million for the IBRD program after reduction of funds pursuant to the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, and the District of Columbia, independent Agencies Appropriations Act 2006 (Pub. L. 109-115, Nov 30, 2005) the Department of Defense, Appropriations Act 2006, (Pub. L. 109-148, Dec. 30, 2005), and Sec. 5202(b)(3)(B) of the *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: Legacy for Users* (SAFETEA-LU). The IBRD activities include identification and selection of candidate projects from 50 State DOTs, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, which meet one or more goals of the program as established by the Congress. Approximately 25 projects will be selected that meet one or more program goals as follows:

A. The development of new, cost-effective, innovative highway bridge applications;

B. The development of construction techniques to increase safety and reduce construction time and traffic congestion;

C. The development of engineering design criteria for innovative products, materials, and structural systems for use in highway bridges and structures;

D. The reduction of maintenance costs and life-cycle costs of bridges, including costs of new construction, replacement or rehabilitation of deficient bridges;

E. The development of highway bridges and structures that will withstand natural disasters;

F. The documentation and wide dissemination of objective evaluations of the performance and benefits of these innovative designs, materials, and construction methods;

G. The effective transfer of resulting information and technology; and,

H. The development of improved methods to detect bridge scour and economical bridge foundation designs that will withstand bridge scour.

Additional activities include collection of project information, documentation, promotion and wide dissemination of objective evaluations of the performance and benefits of these innovative designs, materials, and construction methods resulting from the project studies.

Respondents: 50 State Departments of Transportation, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Frequency: Annual.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: It is estimated that a total of 100 responses will be received to give us a total annual burden of 100 hours.

Electronic Access: Internet users may access all comments received by the U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, by using the universal resource locator (URL): <http://dms.dot.gov>, 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Please follow the instructions online for more information and help.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Annual Materials Report on New Bridge Construction and Bridge Rehabilitation

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: This document corrects a typographical error in the FHWA's notice published on August 17, 2006, at 71 FR 47558. The notice announced the availability of a report describing construction materials used in new

Federal-aid bridge construction and bridge rehabilitation projects as required by 23 U.S.C. 144(r).

DATES: This action is effective August 24, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The report will be posted on the FHWA Web site at: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/britab.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Ann Shemaka, Office of Bridge Technology, HIBT-30, (202) 366-2997, or Mr. Thomas Everett, Office of Bridge Technology, HIBT-30, (202) 366-4675, Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 17, 2006, at 71 FR 47558, the FHWA issued a notice announcing the availability of a report describing construction materials used in new Federal-aid bridge construction and bridge rehabilitation projects as required by 23 U.S.C. 144(r). The address section of that notice inadvertently referenced an incorrect Web address to access the report. The purpose of this notice is to correct the Web address for the Annual Materials Report on New Bridge Construction and Rehabilitation. The correct Web address for the report is: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/britab.htm>.

(**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 144(r); Sec. 1114(f), Pub. L. 109-59, 119 Stat. 1144.)

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Federal Highway Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Registration of Brokers and Freight Forwarders of Non-Household Goods

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

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: Section 4142 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), which was enacted into law August 10, 2005, authorizes the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) to register brokers and freight forwarders of non-household goods (otherwise known as general commodities brokers and freight forwarders) if the Secretary finds that

such registration is needed for the protection of shippers. FMCSA, which has been delegated authority to exercise the Secretary's functions and activities regarding broker and freight forwarder registration, is making a finding that registration of brokers and freight forwarders of non-household goods is needed for the protection of shippers. Accordingly, the Agency will continue to register all general commodities brokers and freight forwarders subject to its jurisdiction.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael J. Falk, Office of Chief Counsel, 202-366-0834; Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

FMCSA's jurisdiction over interstate property brokers is conferred by 49 U.S.C. 13501, which gives the Secretary jurisdiction "over transportation by motor carrier and the procurement of that transportation" to the extent the transportation is in interstate or foreign commerce. FMCSA's jurisdiction over interstate freight forwarders is conferred by 49 U.S.C. 13531, which gives the Secretary jurisdiction "over service that a freight forwarder undertakes to provide, or is authorized or required under [Part B of subtitle IV of title 49, United States Code] to provide" to the extent the transportation involved is in interstate commerce.

Brokers and freight forwarders are transportation intermediaries who procure the services of motor carriers to transport property. Brokers generally do not handle the freight and do not assume legal liability for cargo loss and damage. On behalf of shippers, they arrange for motor carriers to transport individual shipments from origin to destination. Freight forwarders assemble small shipments into larger shipments, tender them to motor carriers and ensure that the larger shipment is disassembled into smaller shipments upon delivery. Freight forwarders may take physical possession of the shipment in carrying out these functions.¹ Freight forwarders issue bills of lading and assume liability for cargo loss and damage.

Brokers arranging for transportation of property in interstate commerce were first regulated by the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) in 1935; interstate freight forwarders were regulated beginning in 1942. These

¹ The statutory definitions of broker and freight forwarder are codified at 49 U.S.C. 13102(2) and 13102(8), respectively.