

approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on April 6, 2009. A comment dated June 5, 2009 was received, suggesting that the Maritime Administration (MARAD) amend its forms MA-29, MA-29A and MA-29B (Vessel Transfer Forms) to reference the applicability of the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA), and 40 CFR 761.97, thereby reflecting the statutory and regulatory constraints regarding the export of United States documented vessels for scrapping or refit outside the United States.

MARAD was given the mandate to (a) approve the transfer (the term transfer includes the sale, lease, charter, or agreement to sell, lease or charter to a person not a citizen of the United States) (46 U.S.C. 5610) of a United States documented vessel to a person who is not a citizen of the United States, and (b) approve the placement of a United States documented vessel under foreign registry and/or the operation of a United States documented vessel under the authority of a foreign country by a person who is not a citizen of the United States. Federal agencies generally may perform only those duties authorized by statute.

MARAD's forms collect the information we require to make a decision regarding the mandated transfer approvals. To collect additional information on the Vessel Transfer Forms would exceed our mandated authority.

In order to deal with the issue of vessels being transferred for scrapping outside the United States, we have instituted a procedure of providing written notification to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of all foreign vessel transfer approvals at the time they are issued by the MARAD (Letter dated April 2, 2008, from Maritime Administrator to the Administrator of the EPA.). This will provide information to the EPA on where and when any demolition will take place. In addition, when an application for transfer includes a vessel leaving the U.S. registry for subsequent foreign disposal, the owner and/or buyer of the vessel are advised that the vessel may be subject to the TSCA and EPA implementing regulations.

DATES: Comments for this notice must be submitted on or before September 9, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jerome Davis, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.,

Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-0688; or E-Mail: jerome.davis@dot.gov. Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: Request for Transfer of Ownership, Registry, and Flag, or Charter, Lease, or Mortgage of U.S.-Citizen Owned Documented Vessels.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0006.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Vessel owners who have applied for foreign transfer of U.S.-flag vessels.

Forms: MA-29, MA-29A, MA-29B (Note: MA-29A is used only in cases of a National emergency).

Abstract: This collection provides information necessary for MARAD to approve the sale, transfer, charter, lease, or mortgage of U.S. documented vessels to non-citizens, or the transfer of such vessels to foreign registry and flag, or the transfer of foreign flag vessels by their owners as required by various contractual requirements. The information will enable MARAD to determine whether the vessel proposed for transfer will initially require retention under the U.S.-flag statutory regulations.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 120 hours.

Addresses: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

Comments Are Invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Authority: 49 CFR 1.66.

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: July 30, 2009.

Murray Bloom,

Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2009-0001-19]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and its implementing regulations, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) hereby announces that it is seeking renewal of the following currently approved information collection activities. Before submitting these information collection requirements for clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified below.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than October 9, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on any or all of the following proposed activities by mail to either: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Safety, Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Mail Stop 25, Washington, DC 20590, or Ms. Nakia Jackson, Office of Information Technology, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590. Commenters requesting FRA to acknowledge receipt of their respective comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard stating, "Comments on OMB control number 2130-0560." Alternatively, comments may be transmitted via facsimile to (202) 493-6216 or (202) 493-6497, or via e-mail to Mr. Brogan at robert.brogan@dot.gov, or to Ms. Jackson at nakia.jackson@dot.gov. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number in any correspondence submitted. FRA will summarize comments received in response to this notice in a subsequent notice and include them in its information collection submission to OMB for approval.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292) or Ms. Nakia Jackson, Office of Information Technology, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Mail Stop 35,

Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6073). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law No. 104-13, § 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR Part 1320, require Federal agencies to provide 60-days notice to the public for comment on information collection activities before seeking approval for reinstatement or renewal by OMB. 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.10(e)(1), 1320.12(a). Specifically, FRA invites interested respondents to comment on the following summary of proposed information collection activities regarding (i) Whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (ii) the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (iii) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and

clarity of the information being collected; and (iv) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public by automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses). See 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)(i)-(iv); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1)(i)-(iv). FRA believes that soliciting public comment will promote its efforts to reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information mandated by Federal regulations. In summary, FRA reasons that comments received will advance three objectives: (i) Reduce reporting burdens; (ii) ensure that it organizes information collection requirements in a "user friendly" format to improve the use of such information; and (iii) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce information requested. See 44 U.S.C. 3501.

Below is a brief summary of currently approved information collection activities that FRA will submit for clearance by OMB as required under the PRA:

Title: Use of Locomotive Horns at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings

OMB Control Number: 2130-0560

Abstract: The collection of information is used by FRA to increase safety at highway-rail grade crossings nationwide by requiring that locomotive horns be sounded when train approach and pass through these crossings, or by ensuring that a safety level at least equivalent to that provided by blowing horns exists for rail corridors in which horns are silenced. Communities that qualify for this exception may create "quiet zones" within which locomotive horns would not be routinely sounded. FRA reviews applications by public authorities intending to establish new or, in some cases, continue pre-rule quiet zones to ensure that the necessary level of safety is achieved.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Affected Public: Public Authorities/Railroads.

Respondent Universe: 340 Public Authorities.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

Reporting Burden:

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours
222.11—Penalties—Falsified Records/Reports	727 Railroads/340 Public Authorities	5 records/reports	2 hours	10
222.15—Waiver Petitions	727 Railroads/340 Public Authorities	5 petitions	4 hours	20
222.17—Applications to Become a Recognized State Agency	68 State Agencies	7 applications	8 hours	56
222.39—Establishment of Quiet Zone—Public Authority Application to FRA	340 Public Authorities	105 applications	80 hours	8,400
—Application Diagnostic Team Reviews	340 Public Authorities	53 diagnostic team reviews	32 hours	1,696
—Completed Grade Crossing Inventory Forms	340 Public Authorities	302 updated forms	1 hour	302
—Copies of Public Authority Quiet Zone Applications	340 Public Authorities	302 updated forms	10 minutes	105
—Comments on Public Authority Quiet Zone Applications	715 Railroads/State Agencies	630 copies	2.5 hours	125
222.41—Notice of Quiet Zone Establishment and Notification to Parties	247 Communities/PAs	247 notices + 1,482 notification	40 hours + 10 min.	10,127
—Certification by Public Authority CEO	262 Communities	262 certifications	5 minutes	22
—Required Grade Crossing Inventory Forms	200 Communities	2,364 forms	60 minutes	2,364
—Notice of Quiet Zone Continuation and Notification to Parties	200 Communities	200 notices + 1,200 notification	40 hours + 10 min.	8,200
—Certification by Public Authority CEO	200 Communities	200 certifications	5 minutes	17
—Required Grade Crossing Inventory Forms	200 Communities/PAs	200 certifications	1 hour	416
—Filing of Detailed Plans by Public Authority	200 Communities/PAs	200 certifications	40 hours	4,000
—Statewide Implementation Plan to Continue Horn Ban—Notice of Intent to Create New Quiet Zone	25 State Agencies	416 forms	120 hours	360
—Comments on Public Authorities Notice of Intent	200 Public Authorities	100 plans	20 hours + 10 minutes	2,100
	200 RRs/State Agencies	3 impl. Plans	4 hours	280
		100 notices + 600 notifications		
		70 comments		

CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours
222.42—Intermediate Quiet Zones/Partial Quiet Zones —Notice of Quiet Zone Continuation —Required Grade Crossing Inventory Forms —Certification by Public Authority CEO —Notice of Intent to Establish New/Partial Quiet Zone —Comments on Public Authorities Notice of Intent —Conversion of Intermediate Partial Quiet Zone into 24-hour Quiet Zone—Notices + Notifications —Public Comments on Notice of Intent	10 Communities/PAs 10 Communities/PAs 10 Communities/PAs 10 Communities/PAs 20 RRs/State Agencies 10 Public Authorities 20 RRs/State Agencies	10 notices + 60 notifications 100 forms 10 certifications 5 notices + 30 notifications 5 comments 5 notices + 30 notifications 5 comments	40 hours + 10 min. 1 hour 5 minutes 40 hours + 10 min. 4 hours 40 hours + 10 min. 4 hours	410 100 1 205 20 205 20
222.43—Notices and Other Required Information to Create or Continue a Quiet Zone —Notice of Intent to Create New/Partial Quiet Zone or Implement New Supplementary Safety Measures or Auxiliary Safety Measures w/in Pre-Rule Quiet Zone —Required Grade Crossing Inventory Forms —Comments on Public Authorities Notice of Intent —Notice of Quiet Zone Establishment —Required Grade Crossing Inventory Forms —Certification by Public Authority CEO	216 Communities/PAs 216 Communities 715 RRs/State Agencies 316 Public Authorities 316 Public Authorities 216 Public Authorities	216 notices + 648 notifications 376 updated forms 108 comments 72 notices + 432 notifications 950 updated forms 216 certifications	40 hours + 10 min. 1 hour 4 hours 40 hours + 10 min. 1 hour 5 minutes	8,748 376 432 2,952 950 18
222.47—Periodic Updates —Written Affirmations That All Supplementary Safety Measures (SSMs)/Auxiliary Safety Measures (ASMs) Meet Requirements —Required Grade Crossing Inventory Forms	200 Public Authorities 200 Public Authorities	100 affirmations + 600 copies 500 updated forms	30 min. + 2 min. 60 minutes	70 500
222.51—Review of Quiet Zone Status —Written Commitment to Lower Risk Where Quiet Zone Risk Index Exceeds Nationwide Significant Risk Threshold —Review at FRA's Initiative—Opportunity to Comment	9 Public Authorities 3 Public Authorities	2 commitments 20 comments	5 hours 30 minutes	10 10
222.55—New Supplementary Safety Measures or Alternative Safety Measures—Administrator Approval —Opportunity for Public Comment —Request for Approval After Completed Demonstration	265 Interested Parties 265 Interested Parties 265 Interested Parties	1 approval letter 5 comments 1 approval letter	30 minutes 30 minutes 30 minutes	1 3 1
222.57—Review of the Associate Administrator's Actions—Petition for Review of Decision —Petition for Reconsideration of Denial of QZ Application —Follow-up Documents to Associate Administrator —Requests for Informal Hearing	265 Interested Parties 200 Public Authorities 200 Public Authorities 200 Public Authorities	1 petition + 5 copies 1 petition + 6 copies 1 document 1 letter	60 min. + 2 min. 5 hrs. + 2 min. 2 hours 30 minutes	1 5 2 1
222.59—Use of Wayside Horns —Installation w/in QZ and Written Notice to Railroads —Installation at Grade Crossing Outside Quiet Zone	200 Public Authorities 200 Public Authorities	10 notices + 60 copies 10 notices + 60 notice copies	2.5 hours + 10 minutes 2.5 hours + 10 minutes	35 35
Appendix B to Part 222—Alternative Safety Measures —Non-Engineering ASMs—Programmed Enforcement—Monitoring and Sampling Records —Photo Enforcement—Monitoring & Sampling Records	200 Public Authorities 200 Public Authorities	10 records 10 records	500 hours 9 hours	5,000 90
229.129—Locomotive Horn—Testing Requirements —Written Reports/Records of Testing —Re-Testing of Locomotive Horns—Reports/Records	687 railroads 687 railroads	7,743 reports/records 650 report/records	60 minutes 60 minutes	7,743 650

Total Responses: 21,476.
Estimated Total Annual Burden: 67,194 hours.

Status: Regular Review.

Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b), 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.

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Martin Eble,

Acting Director, Office of Financial Management, Federal Railroad Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–2000–7257; Notice No. 55]

Railroad Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Announcement of Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC) Meeting.

SUMMARY: FRA announces the fortieth meeting of the RSAC, a Federal advisory committee that develops railroad safety regulations through a consensus process. The RSAC meeting topics will include opening remarks from the FRA Administrator and discussion of the FRA High-Speed Rail Safety Strategy. Status reports will be provided by the Locomotive Standards, Passenger Safety, Track Safety Standards, and Medical Standards Working Groups. Status updates will be provided on the following tasks arising out of the Rail Safety Improvement Act (RSIA): Positive Train Control, Passenger Hours of Service, Railroad Bridge Safety Management, and Conductor Certification. The Committee may also be asked to accept a task regarding another RSIA-mandated rulemaking addressing Critical Incident Programs. This agenda is subject to change, including the possible addition of further proposed tasks under the RSIA.

DATES: The meeting of the RSAC is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2009, and will adjourn by 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The RSAC meeting will be held at the Washington Marriott Hotel, located at 1221 22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis, and is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign and oral interpretation can be made available if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Woolverton, RSAC Administrative Officer/Coordinator, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493–6212; or Grady Cothen, Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety, FRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Mailstop 25, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 493–6302.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), FRA is giving notice of a meeting of RSAC. RSAC was established to provide advice and recommendations to the FRA on railroad safety matters. The RSAC is composed of 54 voting representatives from 31 member organizations, representing various rail industry perspectives. In addition, there are non-voting advisory representatives from the agencies with railroad safety regulatory responsibility in Canada and Mexico, the National Transportation Safety Board, and the Federal Transit Administration. The diversity of the Committee ensures the requisite range of views and expertise necessary to discharge its responsibilities. See the RSAC Web site for details on pending tasks at: <http://rsac.fra.dot.gov>. Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 11, 1996 (61 FR 9740), for additional information about the RSAC.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 5, 2009.

Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Sunshine Act Meetings; Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors

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

TIME AND DATE: September 3, 2009, 12 noon to 3 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

PLACE: This meeting will take place telephonically. Any interested person

may call Mr. Avelino Gutierrez at (505) 827–4565 to receive the toll free number and pass code needed to participate in these meetings by telephone.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Directors (the Board) will continue its work in developing and implementing the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement and to that end, may consider matters properly before the Board.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Avelino Gutierrez, Chair, Unified Carrier Registration Board of Directors at (505) 827–4565.

Issued on: August 4, 2009.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2009 0075]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel MON BIJOU.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below. The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2009–0075 at <http://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 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to