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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

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Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received

Correction

In notice document 2010–808 beginning on page 2925 in the issue of Tuesday, January 19, 2010, make the following correction:

On page 2925, in the third column, under the **DATE:** heading, “August 10, 2010” is corrected to read “February 8, 2010”.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Notice No. 59; Docket No. FRA–2000–7257]

Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC); Working Group Activity Update

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

ACTION: Announcement of Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC) Working Group Activities.

SUMMARY: The FRA is updating its announcement of RSAC’s Working Group activities to reflect its current status.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice serves to update FRA’s last announcement of working group activities and status reports of August 14, 2009 (74 FR 41181). The 40th full RSAC Committee meeting was held September 10, 2009, and the 41st

meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2010, at the Marriott Washington Wardman Park Hotel located at 2660 Woodley Road, NW., Washington, DC. Since its first meeting in April of 1996, the RSAC has accepted 32 tasks. The status for each of the open tasks (neither completed nor terminated) is provided below:

Open Tasks

Task 96–4—Tourist and Historic Railroads. Reviewing the appropriateness of the agency’s current policy regarding the applicability of existing and proposed regulations to tourist, excursion, scenic, and historic railroads. This task was accepted on April 2, 1996, and a Working Group was established. The Working Group monitored the steam locomotive regulation task. Planned future activities involve the review of other regulations for possible adaptation to the safety needs of tourist and historic railroads. *Contact: Grady Cothen, (202) 493–6302.*

Task 03–01—Passenger Safety. This task includes updating and enhancing the regulations pertaining to passenger safety, based on research and experience. This task was accepted on May 20, 2003, and a Working Group was established. Prior to embarking on substantive discussions of a specific task, the Working Group set forth, in writing, a specific description of the task. The Working Group reports planned activity to the full Committee at each scheduled full RSAC meeting, including milestones for completion of projects and progress toward completion. At the first meeting held September 9–10, 2003, a consolidated list of issues was completed. At the second meeting held November 6–7, 2003, four task groups were established: Emergency Preparedness; Mechanical; Crashworthiness; and Track/Vehicle Interaction. The task forces met and reported on activities for Working Group consideration at the third meeting held May 11–12, 2004, and a fourth meeting was held October 26–27, 2004. The Working Group met on March 21–22, 2006, and again on September 12–13, 2006, at which time the group agreed to establish a task force on General Passenger Safety. The full Passenger Safety Working Group met on April 17–18, 2007; December 11–12, 2007; November 13, 2008; and June 8, 2009. On August 5, 2009, the Working Group was requested to establish an Engineering Task Force to consider technical criteria and procedures for qualifying alternative passenger equipment designs as equivalent in safety to equipment meeting the design standards in the Passenger Equipment

Safety Standards. The next meeting of the Working Group is scheduled for the February–March 2010 timeframe.

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(Engineering Task Force) The Passenger Safety Working Group approved a request from the FRA to establish an Engineering Task Force under the Passenger Safety Working Group in August 2009. The mission of the Task Force is to produce a set of technical evaluation criteria and procedures for passenger rail equipment built to alternative designs. The technical evaluation criteria and procedures would provide a means of establishing whether an alternative design would result in performance at least equal to the structural design standards set forth in the Passenger Equipment Safety Standards (Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 238). The initial focus of this effort will be on Tier I standards. When completed, the criteria and procedures would form a technical basis for making determinations concerning equivalent safety pursuant to 49 CFR Section 238.201 and provide a technical framework for presenting evidence to FRA in support of any request for waiver of the compressive (buff) strength requirement set forth in 49 CFR Section 238.203. *See, generally, 49 CFR Part 211 (Rules of Practice).* The criteria and procedures could be incorporated into Part 238 at a later date after notice and opportunity for public comment. The Engineering Task Force was formed and a kickoff meeting was held on September 23–24, 2009. The group met again on November 3–4, 2009, and January 7–8, 2010. A follow-on meeting is scheduled for March 9–10, 2010.

(Emergency Preparedness Task Force) At the Working Group meeting of March 9–10, 2005, the Working Group received and approved the consensus report of the Emergency Preparedness Task Force related to emergency communication, emergency egress, and rescue access. These recommendations were presented to and approved by the full RSAC Committee on May 18, 2005. The Working Group met on September 7–8, 2005, and additional, supplementary recommendations were presented to and accepted by the full RSAC on October 11, 2005. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) was published on August 24, 2006 (71 FR 50275) and was open for comment until October 23, 2006. The Working Group agreed upon recommendations for the final rule, including resolution of final comments received, during the April 17–18, 2007, meeting. The recommendations were presented to and approved by the full RSAC on June 26, 2007. The Passenger