

FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its review and approval and invites public comment. The FMCSA requests approval to revise and extend the, “Annual Report of Class I and Class II Motor Carriers of Property” ICR, OMB Control No. 2126–0032. This ICR is necessary to ensure that motor carriers comply with FMCSA’s financial and operating statistics requirements at chapter III of title 49 CFR part 369 titled, “Reports of Motor Carriers.” This ICR is being revised to incorporate the OMB approved “Annual Report of Class I Motor Carriers of Passengers” ICR, OMB Control No. 2126–0031, for use of the MP–1 form, the “Annual Report Form (Motor Carriers of Passengers),” which resulted in only two respondents and one burden hour per year. Through the proposed merger of the two ICRs, FMCSA would rename the OMB Control No. 2126–0032 ICR as the “Annual Report of Class I and Class II For-Hire Motor Carriers” ICR. Such a merger with the new title will clarify that the combined ICR addresses both for-hire property and passenger carriers, but not private motor carriers. Additionally, after the merger of the ICRs, FMCSA intends to request withdrawal of the previously approved “Annual Report of Class I Motor Carriers of Passengers” ICR, OMB Control No. 2126–0031.

DATES: Please send your comments by January 28, 2019. OMB must receive your comments by this date in order to act quickly on the ICR.

ADDRESSES: All comments should reference Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket Number FMCSA–2018–0073. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov, or faxed to (202) 395–6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Annual Report of Class I and Class II Motor Carriers of Property
OMB Control Number: 2126–0032.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently-approved information collection.

Respondents: Class I and Class II Motor Carriers of Property, Passengers, and Household Goods.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 98.

Estimated Time per Response: 9 hours.

Expiration Date: December 31, 2018.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 865 hours [96 respondents × 9 hours to complete form M–1 + 2 respondents × 0.3 = 0.6 rounded to 1 hour to complete form MP–1].

Background: Section 14123 of title 49 of the United States Code (U.S.C.) requires certain for-hire motor carriers of property, passengers, and household goods to file annual financial reports. The annual reporting program was implemented on December 24, 1938 (3 FR 3158), and it was subsequently transferred from the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on January 1, 1996. The Secretary of DOT delegated to BTS the responsibility for the program on December 17, 1996 (61 FR 68162). Annual financial reports are filed on Form M (for-hire property carriers, including household goods carriers) and Form MP–1 (for-hire passenger carriers). Responsibility for collection of the reports was transferred from BTS to FMCSA on August 17, 2004 (69 FR 51009), and the regulations were redesignated as 49 CFR part 369 on August 10, 2006 (71 FR 45740). FMCSA has continued to collect carriers’ annual reports and to furnish copies of the reports requested under the Freedom of information Act. For-hire motor carriers (including interstate and intrastate) subject to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations are classified on the basis of their gross carrier operating revenues.¹

¹ For purposes of the Financial and Operating Statistics (F&OS) program, carriers are classified into the following three groups: (1) Class I carriers are those having annual carrier operating revenues (including interstate and intrastate) of \$10 million or more after applying the revenue deflator formula as set forth in Note A of 49 CFR 369.2; and (2) Class II carriers are those having annual carrier operating revenues (including interstate and intrastate) of at least \$3 million, but less than \$10 million after applying the revenue deflator formula as set forth in 49 CFR 369.2.

Under the Financial and Operating Statistics (F&OS) program, FMCSA collects from Class I and Class II for-hire motor carriers balance sheet and income statement data along with information on safety needs, tonnage, mileage, employees, transportation equipment, and other related data. FMCSA may also ask carriers to respond to surveys concerning their operations. The data and information collected would be made publicly available and used by FMCSA to determine a motor carrier’s compliance with the F&OS program requirements prescribed at chapter III of title of 49 CFR part 369. FMCSA has created electronic forms that may be prepared, signed electronically, and submitted to FMCSA via <https://ask.fmcsa.dot.gov/app/ask/> in accordance with the Agency’s April 28, 2014 (79 FR 23306), rulemaking in RIN 2126–AB47, Electronic Signatures and Documents.

On April 24, 2018 (83 FR 17894), FMCSA published a notice in the **Federal Register** with a 60-day public comment period to announce this proposed information collection request. The agency received no comments in response to this notice.

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 FMCSA to perform its functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2018–0287]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Revision of an Approved Information Collection: Electronic Logging Device (ELD) Vendor Registration

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its review and approval and invites public comment. FMCSA requests approval to renew an ICR titled, "Electronic Logging Device (ELD) Vendor Registration." This ICR is necessary for ELD vendors to register their ELDs with the Agency.

DATES: Please send your comments by January 28, 2019. OMB must receive your comments by this date in order to act quickly on the ICR.

ADDRESSES: All comments should reference Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket Number FMCSA-2018-0287. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov, or faxed to (202) 395-6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Huntley, Vehicle and Roadside Operations Division, Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 6th Floor, West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Telephone: 202-366-9209; Email Address: michael.huntley@dot.gov. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Electronic Logging Device (ELD) Vendor Registration.

OMB Control Number: 2126-0062.

Type of Request: Renewal of a currently approved information collection.

Respondents: ELD vendors.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 224.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Expiration Date: December 31, 2018.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 336 hours [224 respondents × 2 devices per

respondent × 3 updates per device × 15 minutes per response].

Background

On December 16, 2015, FMCSA published a final rule titled "Electronic Logging Devices and Hours of Service Supporting Documents," (80 FR 78292) that established minimum performance and design standards for hours-of-service (HOS) ELDs; requirements for the mandatory use of these devices by drivers currently required to prepare HOS records of duty status (RODS); requirements concerning HOS supporting documents; and measures to address concerns about harassment resulting from the mandatory use of ELDs.

To ensure consistency among ELD vendors and devices, detailed functional specifications were published as part of the December 2015 final rule. Each ELD vendor developing an ELD technology must register online at a secure FMCSA website where the ELD provider can securely certify that its ELD is compliant with the functional specifications. Each ELD vendor must certify that each ELD model and version has been sufficiently tested to meet the functional requirements in the rule under the conditions in which the ELD would be used.

ELD vendors must self-certify and register their devices with FMCSA online via Form MCSA-5893, "Electronic Logging Device (ELD) Vendor Registration and Certification." FMCSA expects 100% of respondents to submit their information electronically. Once completed, FMCSA issues a unique identification number that the ELD vendor will embed in their device(s). FMCSA maintains a list on its website of the current ELD vendors and devices that have been certified (by the vendors) to meet the functional specifications. The information is necessary for fleets and drivers to easily find a compliant ELD for their use in complying with the FMCSA regulation requiring the use of ELDs.

On September 17, 2018, FMCSA published a notice in the **Federal Register** with a 60-day public comment period to announce this request to renew the information collection (83 FR 46997). The Agency received two comments in response to the notice.

One commenter noted general support for the ELD registration requirements. The second commenter, Garmin International, Inc., requested that FMCSA: (1) Include the data transfer methods supported by each ELD in the Agency's online list of current ELD vendors and devices that have been certified (by the vendors) to meet the

functional specifications; and (2) refer inspectors to the Agency's online list for information regarding data transfer methods supported by ELDs and the latest compliant software versions. While neither of these impact the information collection, FMCSA notes that: (1) The Agency is in the process of updating the list of certified ELDs on its website to include supported data transfer methods; and (2) the Agency provides extensive training and outreach to its enforcement partners regarding the online list of current ELD vendors and devices that have been certified to meet the functional specifications, including the compliant software version of each device.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for FMCSA to perform its 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2018-0185]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel JULIANA III (32' Stern Picker); 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 grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirements of the coastwise trade laws to allow the carriage of no more than twelve passengers for hire on vessels, which are three years old or more. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before January 28, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number