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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA’s performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB’s clearance of this information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120–

*Title:* Survey of Unmanned-Aircraft-Systems Operators.

*Form Numbers:* Online Collection.

*Type of Review:* New Information Collection.

*Background:* The FAA

Reauthorizations Act of 2018 explicitly charges the FAA with developing a plan to implement an unmanned aircraft systems traffic management (UTM) services. The development of this congressionally mandated plan requires an estimation of current activity by UAS operators and projecting this behavior into the future as economic, technology, and regulatory condition change. Given the lack of available data on the flight behavior of UAS operators, the FAA proposes a survey of UAS operators who have registered with the FAA under Section 349 or Part 107.

Survey consists of a voluntary questionnaire administered online. Registrants within the FAA’s UAS registrations under Part 107 and Section 349 are invited to complete the questionnaire via email. The email contains a personalized link to the questionnaire hosted by Survey Monkey. The questionnaire contains:

- 6 questions on general flight behavior,
- 4 questions about the number and types of UAS operated,
- 5 questions for respondents who identify as commercial operators, and
- 7 questions for respondents who identify as operating for public safety agencies.

Including a social-media preference and self-identifying questions, the questionnaire contains a total 24 question. However, the majority of

respondents will only answer the first 12 questions.

The data obtained from the survey will be used for developing national forecasts of UAS activity. Summary data from the proposed survey will be included in the Aviation Forecast published annually by the FAA.

*Respondents:* Recreational and commercial operators of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) who have registered with the FAA under Section 349 and Part 107, respectively.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 5.3 minutes on average.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 10,881 hours.

Issued in Washington, DC on 5–8–2020.

**Michael Lukacs,**

*Deputy Division Manager, Office of Aviation Policy and Plans, APO–100, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2020–0122]

#### Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Application for an Exemption From Grote Industries, LLC

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application for exemption; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) requests public comment on an application for exemption from Grote Industries, LLC (Grote) to allow motor carriers operating trailers and van body trucks to install brake-activated pulsating warning lamps on the rear of those vehicles in addition to the steady-burning brake lamps required by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 11, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket ID FMCSA–2020–0122 using any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the Federal electronic docket site.

- *Fax:* 1–202–493–2251.

• *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M–30; U.S. Department of

Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12–140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

• *Hand Delivery of Courier:* Bring comments to Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. e.t., Monday–Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366–9317 or (202) 366–9826 before visiting Docket Operations.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number for this notice. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the exemption process, see the “Public Participation” heading below. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the “Privacy Act” heading for further information.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or to Docket Operations in Room W12–140, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366–9317 or (202) 366–9826 before visiting Docket Operations.

*Privacy Act:* In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at [www.dot.gov/privacy](http://www.dot.gov/privacy).

*Public participation:* The <http://www.regulations.gov> website is generally available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. You may find electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines under the “help” section of the <http://www.regulations.gov> website as well as the DOT’s <http://docketsinfo.dot.gov> website. If you would like notification that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgment page that appears after submitting comments online.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Luke Loy, Vehicle and Roadside

Operations Division, Office of Carrier, Driver, and Vehicle Safety, MC-PSV, (202) 366-0676, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Public Participation and Request for Comments

FMCSA encourages you to participate by submitting comments and related materials.

#### Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA-2020-0122), indicate the specific section of this document to which the comment applies, and provide a reason for suggestions or recommendations. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so the Agency can contact you if it has questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comments online, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and put the docket number, "FMCSA-2020-0122" in the "Keyword" box, and click "Search." When the new screen appears, click on "Comment Now!" button and type your comment into the text box in the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period and may grant or not grant this application based on your comments.

### II. Legal Basis

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b) to grant exemptions from certain parts of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The Agency must provide the public an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including any safety analyses that have been conducted. The Agency must also

provide an opportunity for public comment on the request. The Agency reviews the safety analyses and the public comments and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved by the current regulation (49 CFR 381.305). The decision of the Agency must be published in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)). If the Agency denies the request, it must state the reason for doing so. If the decision is to grant the exemption, the notice must specify the person or class of persons receiving the exemption and the regulatory provision or provisions from which an exemption is granted. The notice must specify the effective period of the exemption (up to 5 years) and explain the terms and conditions of the exemption. The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.315(c) and 49 CFR 381.300(b)).

### III. Grote's Application for Exemption

The FMCSRs require all exterior lamps (both required lamps and any additional lamps) to be steady-burning, except for turn signal lamps, hazard warning signal lamps, school bus warning lamps, amber warning lamps or flashing warning lamps on tow trucks and commercial motor vehicles transporting oversized loads, and warning lamps on emergency and service vehicles authorized by State or local authorities. Grote has applied for an exemption from 49 CFR 393.25(e) to allow motor carriers operating trailers and van body trucks to install brake-activated pulsating warning lamps on the rear of those vehicles in addition to the steady-burning brake lamps required by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR). A copy of the application is included in the docket referenced at the beginning of this notice.

### V. Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(6), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on Grote's application for an exemption from 49 CFR 393.25(e). All comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated at the beginning of this notice will be considered and will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. Comments received after the comment closing date will be filed in the public docket and will be considered to the extent practicable. In addition to late comments, FMCSA will also continue to file, in the public docket, relevant

information that becomes available after the comment closing date. Interested persons should continue to examine the public docket for new material.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2009-0104]

### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on April 30, 2020, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to renew a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 238, Passenger Equipment Safety Standards. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2009-0104.

Specifically, Amtrak seeks to renew the relief previously granted regarding flammability and smoke emission requirements for passenger car and locomotive cab materials as outlined in Appendix B of 49 CFR 238.103. Amtrak stated that its current fleet of 205 operating diesel locomotives is comprised of the Genesis P42-8 model manufactured by General Electric (GE). These locomotives were manufactured between 1996 and 2002, when the manufacturing and the material selection process were based on the 49 CFR part 229 regulations. However, due to the inclusion of all locomotives on passenger trains under the 49 CFR part 238 regulations, some materials in the human-occupied areas have since become non-compliant under the latest smoke and flame requirements (49 CFR 238.103).

Amtrak and GE have collectively found alternate manufactures and materials to eliminate the non-compliant materials from the locomotive cab. However, due to the small fleet of passenger locomotives compared with freight locomotives, the cost, and the manufacturing feasibility of these materials, Amtrak has been unable to obtain alternates for the components in question. Therefore, Amtrak seeks a continued waiver for use of these materials in the locomotive cab. Several of these materials need to be replenished in the locomotive cabs; however, due to the non-compliance,