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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2020-31]

#### Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Airlines for America

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of petition for exemption received.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, the FAA's exemption process. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary are intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before June 3, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments identified by docket number FAA-2020-0492 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at 202-493-2251.

*Privacy:* 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 <http://www.regulations.gov>, as

described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy>.

*Docket:* Background documents or comments received may be read at <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to the Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### Petition for Exemption

*Docket No.:* FAA-2020-0492.

*Petitioner:* Airlines for America.

*Sections of 14 CFR Affected:*

§§ 91.9(a) and (b), 121.153(a), 121.337(b)(9)(iii).

*Description of Relief Sought:* Airlines for America petitions for relief from 14 CFR 91.9(a) and (b), 121.153(a), and 121.337(b)(9)(iii) to allow its member airlines to transport cargo, subject to the FAA's conditions, on the floor of the main deck of transport category airplanes without revenue passengers onboard. COVID-19 has dramatically reduced the demand for commercial air travel. Due to this extreme reduction in demand, passenger carriers now have the capacity to carry cargo, including critical medical cargo, in-cabin. The relief that would be provided by this exemption would also support the need to replace the cargo capacity provided on airplanes normally flown by passenger carriers.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2020-0033]

#### 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 17, 2020, BNSF Railway

Company (BNSF) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 215, Railroad Freight Car Safety Standards, and part 232, Brake System Safety Standards For Freight And Other Non-Passenger Trains And Equipment; End-Of-Train Devices. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2020-0033.

Specifically, BNSF requests relief from 49 CFR 215.13, *Pre-departure inspection*, which requires an inspection when combining two separate consists including one or more cars and one or more locomotives that have been properly inspected and tested in compliance with all applicable regulations, meaning that both consists have had a Class I brake test (§ 232.205), Class IA brake test (§ 232.207), or have been designated as extended haul trains and are compliant with all requirements of § 232.213. BNSF states that the requested relief will allow combining two existing and operating trains without additional inspections, besides a Class III brake test. It further states that the relief will allow subsequent separation of two trains without additional inspections, besides a Class III brake test, provided that a record of the original consist remains intact.

In support of its petition, BNSF states that trains to be combined will include both trains operating with head-end locomotives and trains operating with locomotives equipped with LOCOTROL or Radio Controlled Distributed Power Technology (DP), which was developed by GE Transportation Systems. DP technology allows locomotives to be placed strategically in a train and controlled remotely by a leading locomotive at the head of the train. Once trains are combined, BNSF will operate the combined train as a DP train (if it is longer than 10,000 feet) until the train is separated or reaches its destination. The combined train will be allowed one pick-up and/or set-out with the inclusion of the separating event, and the air slips for both trains that were combined will be maintained from the point of combining through the duration of the trip.

BNSF explains that an additional inspection when combining trains is redundant because each train to be combined has had a brake test and inspection and a § 215.13 pre-departure inspection. Further, BNSF states that the combined train will continue to receive designated inspection(s) as required or pre-designated prior to the combining event and that no cars will exceed the