

The Impact of Detention Time on Driver and Roadway User Safety

A total of 73 comments discussed the impact of detention time on driver and roadway user safety. After experiencing detention time, drivers may be inclined to drive aggressively and/or over the speed limits to stay within their HOS regulatory limits, arrive at the next appointment on time, or return home. The comments described how detention time can lead to fatigued driving, driving during hours outside a driver's regular schedule (such as at night), unpredictable sleep schedules, and road rage.

The study will capture information on safety-related events through insurance claims data, Federal crash data, telematics data, and driver self-reports via prompted electronic questions. The study will link the safety-related event data to detention time data and assess whether driver detention influences the likelihood of crashes and fatigue.

Suggestions and Support for Detention Time-Related Regulations

A total of 41 comments provided suggestions and/or support for detention time-related regulations, including potential regulations addressing driver pay, use of appointment times versus open pick-up/delivery windows, shipper/receiver facility maintenance and upgrades to improve efficiency, the use of leased warehouses, standardization of detention time documentation on pick-up/delivery-related paperwork, the FLSA, reasonable wait times, fines for shippers/receivers who go beyond a federally established wait time limit, and the creation of a Federal and/or publicly-accessible database that documents shipper/receiver detention time behavior. FMCSA believes the study outlined in this notice is essential to obtaining a full and updated understanding of detention time, which will help identify solutions to the problem.

Considerations for Defining and Quantifying Detention Time and Collecting Necessary Data

Five comments raised concerns regarding how to define detention time, accurately quantify detention time according to a standard definition, and collect the necessary data to conduct the study analyses. The definition of detention time has varied across industry, government, and research; however, it generally includes components regarding the time the driver has been at the shipper/receiver, the duty status of the driver, and

loading/unloading progress. The comments emphasized that the study needs to collect accurate data. The current study will collect detention time data through multiple methods: driver self-report, TMS data (such as shipper/receiver, order pick-up/delivery locations, appointment times, scheduled and planned arrival and departure times, billed amounts for detention time, etc.), and telematics/ELD data (such as latitude and longitude). The study will use GPS data and geofenced shipper/receiver facility data to obtain arrival and departure information.

One comment suggested broadening the sample universe to include more than one telematics service in FMCSA's carrier eligibility requirements. The comment also suggested expanding the sample universe to include carriers who do not use telematics services or ELDs. To collect the necessary data and answer the study research questions, carriers must use a telematics and ELD service. Since the 60-day **Federal Register** notice, FMCSA has partnered with one of the leading TMS, ELD, and telematics providers used by many small carriers. While the Agency may focus recruitment on clients of this service provider, the study documents have been revised to allow carriers using a different provider to participate if they meet the criteria and can integrate their platforms with the new technology provider.

Another comment emphasized the need to protect personal information shared by carriers and drivers in the study. Protecting participant data is of the utmost importance to FMCSA. The Agency will take all the necessary precautions to ensure the confidentiality of participant data. As part of this process, all drivers and carriers will be assigned anonymous identification numbers to link all datasets. Further, FMCSA will scrub all datasets of any information that could potentially identify participants. Identifying driver and carrier information will not be shared with the Agency.

One comment suggested the burden estimate was too low. However, the data management and cleaning tasks the commenter felt had not been accounted for will not be the responsibility of participating carriers. FMCSA will perform the additional data linking and cleaning tasks not included in the burden estimate. However, the Agency has removed the data collection task that asked carriers' operation teams to respond to questions each time an order is booked, scheduled, or dispatched. Information that would have been collected by these questions was determined to be redundant to

information collected via the automated data collection system, and using the automated data collection system to collect this information will reduce the burden on participating carriers.

Support for the Study

Thirteen comments specifically mentioned support for the study. The comments expressed the importance of collecting accurate and representative data, highlighting how updated detention time assessments could be utilized to address the frequency and severity of detention time. FMCSA believes this is an important study that will provide a critical and updated understanding of detention time across various segments of the industry.

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 performance of FMCSA's 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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Thomas P. Keane,

Associate Administrator, Office of Research and Registration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2023-0265]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Revision of an Approved Information Collection: Application for Certificate of Registration for Foreign Motor Carriers and Foreign Motor Private Carriers

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 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 the ICR titled, "Application for Certificate of Registration for Foreign

Motor Carriers and Foreign Motor Private Carriers,” OMB Control No. 2126–0019. Foreign (Mexico-based) for-hire and private motor carriers are required to file an application Form OP–2 if they wish to register to transport property within municipalities in the United States on the U.S.-Mexico international border or within the commercial zones of such municipalities. The Certificate of Registration only permits the holder to operate in the United States within these areas. A holder of a Certificate of Registration who operates a vehicle beyond these areas is subject to applicable penalties and out-of-service orders.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before April 16, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket Number FMCSA–2023–0265 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Dockets Operations; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor, Washington, DC, 20590–0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, 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 Dockets Operations.

- *Fax:* 1–202–493–2251.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jeffrey L. Secrist, Office of Registration, Chief, Registration Division, DOT, FMCSA, West Building 6th Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590; (202) 385–2367; jeff.secrist@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Instructions

All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, see the Public Participation heading below. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information

provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

Public Participation and Request for Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA–2023–0265), indicate the specific section of this document to which your comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. 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 FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FMCSA-2023-0265/document>, click on this notice, click “Comment,” and type your comment into the text box on the following screen.

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.

Comments received after the comment closing date will be included in the docket and will be considered to the extent practicable.

Privacy Act

In accordance with 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its information collection activities. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.dot.gov/privacy.

Background

Title 49 U.S.C. 13902(c) contains basic licensing procedures for registering foreign (Mexico-based) motor carriers to operate across the U.S.-Mexico international border into the United States. The regulations that require foreign (Mexico-based) motor carriers to apply to the FMCSA for a Certificate of Registration to provide interstate transportation in municipalities in the United States on the U.S.-Mexico international border or within the *commercial zones* of such municipalities as defined in 49 U.S.C. 13902(c)(4)(A) are found at 49 CFR part 368. FMCSA carries out this registration program under authority delegated by the Secretary of Transportation.

Foreign (Mexico-based) motor carriers with existing Certificates of Registration may continue to use Form OP–2 update their registration information with the FMCSA. The form requests information on the foreign motor carrier’s name, address, U.S. DOT number, form of business (e.g., corporation, sole proprietorship, partnership), locations where the applicant plans to operate, types of registration requested (e.g., for-hire motor carrier, household goods carrier, motor private carrier), insurance, safety certifications, household goods arbitration certifications, and compliance certifications.

Changes From Previous Estimates

The currently approved version of this ICR estimated the average annual burden to be 47 annual burden hours, with 31 total annual respondents. For this renewal, the estimated average annual burden is 878 hours, and 585 average annual respondents, based on an estimated burden of 1.5 hours per respondent. The estimated annual burden hour increase of 831 is due primarily to the increase in the number of updated OP–2 forms filed from 2020 through 2022. The average number of entities which filed updated OP–2 forms in the three-year period 2020 and 2022 increased by 95 percent compared to the number that registered from 2017 through 2019.

Title: Application for Certificate of Registration for Foreign Motor Carriers and Foreign Motor Private Carriers.

OMB Control Number: 2126–0019.

Type of Request: Renewal of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents: Foreign motor carriers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 585.

Estimated Time per Response: 1.5 hours.

Expiration Date: October 31, 2024.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 878 hours.

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 performance of FMCSA’s 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. The Agency will summarize or include your comments in the request for OMB’s clearance of this ICR.

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Thomas P. Keane,
Associate Administrator Office of Research and Registration.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Advisory Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT
ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration (MARAD) announces a meeting of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) Advisory Council (Council). During the meeting, the USMMA leadership will provide an update on programs and priorities, including: governance, sexual assault and sexual harassment, academics, culture and diversity, and facilities and infrastructure.

DATES: March 7, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. EST.

Requests to submit written materials to be reviewed during the meeting must be received no later than February 23, 2024. Requests for accommodations for a disability must be received by February 29, 2024.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held through a virtual forum. Virtual meeting access information will be available on the USMMA Advisory Council web page and social media channels no later than March 1, 2024. General information about the Council is available on the MARAD web page at www.maritime.dot.gov/outreach/united-states-merchant-marine-academy-advisory-council.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Council's Designated Federal Officer and Point of Contact, Mary Grice, 202-366-4264 or via email to USMMAAdvisoryCouncil@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Council is established pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 51323. The Council operates in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. app. 2.

The objective and scope of the Council is to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) on matters relating to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) including

in the areas of curriculum development and training programs; diversity, equity, and inclusion; sexual assault prevention and response; infrastructure maintenance and redevelopment; midshipmen health and welfare; governance and administrative policies; and other matters.

II. Agenda

The agenda will be as follows:

1. Welcome and opening remarks
2. Updates by Academy leadership on priority programs
3. Public comment
4. Administrative items

III. Public Participation

This meeting is open to the public and will be held through a virtual forum. The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Any member of the public is permitted to file a written statement with the Council. Written statements should be sent to the Designated Federal Officer listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section no later than February 23, 2024.

Only written statements will be considered by the Council; no member of the public will be allowed to present questions or speak during the meeting unless requested to do so by a member of the Council.

(Authority: 46 U.S.C. 51323; 5 U.S.C. 552b; 5 U.S.C. App. 2; 41 CFR parts 102-3.140 through 102-3.165)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,
Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[DOCKET No.: DOT-OST-2024-0011]

Guidance for the Acceptance and Use of Geomatic Information Obtained From a Non-Federal Entity

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is issuing guidance for the acceptance and use of geomatic information obtained from a non-Federal entity. The Infrastructure

Investment and Jobs Act, H.R. 3684, Title I Federal-Aid Highways, Subtitle C, directs the Secretary to develop guidance for the acceptance and use of geomatic information obtained from a non-federal entity. DOT's Geospatial Management Office (GMO) recognizes the need for a geomatic information standard to meet this requirement.

DATES: Comments are due by March 18, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, identified by DOT-OST-2024-0011, by any of the following methods:

- Follow the instructions for sending comments on the <https://www.regulations.gov/>. Include DOT-OST-2024-0011 in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Room W12-140 on the ground level of DOT, West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov/>, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to www.regulations.gov at any time or to Room W12-140 on the ground level of DOT, West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the following statement: "Comments on DOT-OST-2024-0011." The Docket Clerk will date stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via the U.S. mail. Please note that due to possible delays in the delivery of U.S. mail to federal offices in Washington, DC, we recommend that persons consider an alternative method (internet, or professional delivery service) of submitting comments to the docket and ensuring their timely receipt at DOT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Nelson, Chief Geospatial Information Officer, OST, Department of Transportation at 202-366-9201 or by email at .