

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration**

[Docket No.: FAA–2024–0267; Summary Notice No. 2024–22]

**Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Clandestine Materials Detection**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of 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 nor omission of information in the summary is 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 25, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments identified by docket number FAA–2024–0267 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, 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 20590–0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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

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*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 20590–0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**Dan Ngo,**

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**Petition for Exemption**

*Docket No.:* FAA–2024–0267.  
*Petitioner:* Clandestine Materials Detection.

*Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected:* §§ 61.3(a)(1)(i), 91.119(c), 91.121, 91.151(b), 91.403(b), 91.405(a), 91.407(a)(1), 91.409(a)(1), 91.409(a)(2), 91.417(a), 91.417(b), and 91.7(a).

*Description of Relief Sought:* Clandestine Materials Detection requests an exemption to conduct research and development for operation of a repurposed Hylío AG–130/AG–230 unmanned aircraft system (UAS) to detect and geolocate landmines and unexploded ordnance. The UAS will be equipped with a neutron source and gamma detector that uses Gamma Neutron Activation Analysis.

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employee may not be required or allowed to remain or go on duty after that employee has initiated an on-duty period each day for 6 consecutive days, unless that employee has had at least 48 hours off duty at the employee's home terminal. HRRC seeks to continue to allow a train employee to initiate an on-duty period for 6 consecutive days followed by 24 hours off duty. HRRC states that its employees "have set start times, set days off and do not layover at away from home locations" and that HRRC "occasionally run[s] a crew on Sundays[,] if needed[,] for about six hours." Additionally, HRRC states that the "total time on duty for these employees is below the 276-hour maximum time on-duty that is permitted per month."

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Communications received by August 5, 2024 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Railroad Administration**

[Docket Number FRA–2012–0068]

**Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance**

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letter dated March 13, 2024, the Housatonic Railroad Company, Inc. (HRRC) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the hours of service laws contained at title 49 United States Code (U.S.C.) section 21103(a). The relevant Docket Number is FRA–2012–0068.

Specifically, HRRC requested to extend its existing relief from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 21103(a)(4), which in part, provides that a train

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2019-0047]

#### Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on March 25, 2024, the Everett Railroad Company (EV) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to extend a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR parts 215 (Railroad Freight Car Safety Standards) and 224 (Reflectorization of Rail Freight Rolling Stock). FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2019-0047.

Specifically, EV requested to extend its previous special approval pursuant to 49 CFR 215.203, *Restricted cars*, for railcar PRR 571060 that is more than 50 years from the date of original construction. EV also seeks relief from § 215.303, *Stenciling of restricted cars*, and part 224, to operate the car in tourist and excursion service as a “historic relic.” In support of its request, EV states that the car will be loaded to only 50% capacity and will be part of a train operated under restricted speed, not exceeding 20 miles per hour. Further, PRR 571060 will not be interchanged with any other railroad. EV states that the extended relief will maintain the car’s historic “appearance and identity for photography, film[,] and purposes of historic interpretation.”

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the

appropriate docket number and may be submitted at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Communications received by August 5, 2024 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered if practicable.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2006-24216]

#### Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letters received on March 25, 2024, and April 26, 2024, the Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for an extension of a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 222 (Use of Locomotive Horns at Public Highway-Rail Grade Crossings), part 229 (Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards), and part 234 (Grade Crossing Safety). The relevant Docket Number is FRA-2006-24216.

Specifically, SacRT requested to extend its existing relief for its rail fixed guideway public transit operation that shares limited connections in corridors with Union Pacific Railroad. SacRT

requested continued relief from part 222 for grade crossings on its Gold Line (except the Jackson grade crossing), as the light rail “operates frequent service within proximity to residential areas,” and “sounding horns would be a noise nuisance.” Alternatively, SacRT uses a gong 200 feet prior and through the crossings.

Additionally, SacRT sought to extend the relief from § 229.125, *Headlights and auxiliary lights*, to substitute driving lights, which do not meet the 200,000-candela requirement, in place of the railroad head lamp. The alternative lights are used when the light rail shares traffic lanes with automobiles, for the safety of other drivers. In its April 26, 2024, letter SacRT clarified that this relief would only apply to its legacy vehicles, which it plans to start decommissioning within the next 10 years.

Finally, SacRT requested to extend the relief from § 234.105(c)(3), *Activation failure*, to allow the light rail operator to “stop the train[] prior to entering the failed grade crossing, operate at restricted speed (10 [miles per hour] max), and sound a horn audible while traveling through the crossing.”

SacRT additionally requested that its fleet of S700 light rail vehicles be included in this waiver, which will “provide a modern travel experience for the public” with easier access at doorways and improved accessibility with wider aisles.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

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