

to adjudicate demurrage disputes that come before it. Class I carriers are required to include certain minimum information on or with demurrage invoices, take appropriate action to ensure that demurrage charges are accurate and warranted, and directly bill the shipper for demurrage when the shipper and warehouseman agree to that arrangement and so notify the rail carrier. This collection and use of this information by the Board enable the Board to meet its statutory duties.

Under the PRA, a federal agency that conducts or sponsors a collection of information must display a currently valid OMB control number. A collection of information, which is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c), includes agency requirements that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Section 3507(b) of the PRA requires, concurrent with an agency’s submitting a collection to OMB for approval, a 30-day notice and comment period through publication in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information.

Dated: December 15, 2023.

**Kenyatta Clay,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**30-Day Notice of Intent To Seek Extension of Approval of Collection: Waybill Sample**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) gives notice of its intent to seek approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for an extension of the collection of Waybill Sample, as described below.

**DATES:** Comments on this information collection should be submitted by January 19, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be identified as “Paperwork Reduction Act Comments, Surface Transportation Board, Waybill Sample.” Written comments for the proposed information collection should be submitted via [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). This information collection can be accessed by selecting “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. As an alternative, written comments may be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Michael J. McManus, Surface Transportation Board Desk Officer: via email at [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov); by fax at (202) 395–1743; or by mail to Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Please also direct all comments to Chris Oehrle, PRA Officer, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001, and to [PRA@stb.gov](mailto:PRA@stb.gov). When submitting comments, please refer to “Paperwork Reduction Act Comments, Waybill Sample.” For further information regarding this collection, contact Pedro Ramirez at (202) 245–0333 or [pedro.ramirez@stb.gov](mailto:pedro.ramirez@stb.gov). If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245–0245.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board previously published a notice about this collection in the **Federal Register** (88 FR

65421 (Sept. 22, 2023)). That notice allowed for a 60-day public review and comment period. No comments were received.

Comments are requested concerning each collection as to (1) whether the particular collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Board, including whether the collection has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the Board’s burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, when appropriate. Submitted comments will be included and summarized in the Board’s request for OMB approval.

**Subjects:** In this notice, the Board is requesting comments on the extension of the following information collection:

**Description of Collection**

*Title:* Waybill Sample.  
*OMB Control Number:* 2140–0015.  
*Form Number:* None.  
*Type of Review:* Extension without change.

**Respondents:** Respondents include any railroad that is subject to the Interstate Commerce Act and that terminated at least 4,500 carloads on its line in any of the three preceding years or that terminated at least 5% of the revenue carloads terminating in any state in any of the three preceding years. For the purposes of this analysis, the Board categorizes railroads required to report Waybill Sample data as either quarterly or monthly and as either sampling their own waybills or having a third party conduct their sampling. As a result, there are four categories of respondents, as shown in Table below.

TABLE—RESPONDENTS

Categories of respondents	Number of respondents
Railroads that conduct their own sampling and report monthly .....	5
Railroads that conduct their own sampling and report quarterly .....	3
Railroads that have a third party sample their waybills and report monthly .....	2
Railroads that have a third party sample their waybills and report quarterly .....	43
<b>Total Respondents</b> .....	<b>53</b>

*Number of Respondents:* 53.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The estimated hourly burden for waybill samples submitted to the Board varies depending on each respondent’s particular circumstances. (Note:

respondents that are identified as reporting monthly (Class I carriers) report monthly, quarterly, and annually (or 17 times per year). All other respondents (non-Class I carriers) report

quarterly and annually (five times a year).

*Frequency of Response:* Six respondents report monthly; and 46 other respondents report quarterly.

Total Burden Hours (annually including all respondents): 420 hours.

This estimated total burden hours is shown in the Table below.

TABLE—TOTAL BURDEN HOURS

Categories of respondents	Total annual hours for samples submitted
Railroads that conduct their own sampling and report monthly .....	150
Railroads that conduct their own sampling and report quarterly .....	20
Railroads that have a third party sample their waybills and report monthly .....	30
Railroads that have a third party sample their waybills and report quarterly .....	220
<b>Total Annual Burden Hours</b> .....	<b>420</b>

**Total Annual “Non-Hour Burden” Cost:** There are no other costs identified because filings are submitted electronically to the Board.

**Needs and Uses:** The Board is, by statute, responsible for the economic regulation of common carrier rail transportation in the United States and collects rail-carload waybills for this purpose. The Board has authority to collect these waybills under 49 U.S.C. 11144, 11145, and the Board often uses the information in rail-carload waybills to carry out its responsibilities.

A rail-carload waybill is a “document or instrument prepared from the bill of lading contract or shipper’s instructions as to the disposition of the freight, and [is] used by the railroad(s) involved as the authority to move the shipment and as the basis for determining the freight charges and interline settlements.” 49 CFR 1244.1(c). From these carload waybills, the Board creates an aggregate compilation of the sampled waybills of all reporting carriers, referred to as the Waybill Sample. The Waybill Sample is the Board’s principal source of data about freight rail shipments. The information in the Waybill Sample is used by the Board, other federal and state agencies, and industry stakeholders to monitor traffic flows and rate trends in the industry, and to develop testimony in Board proceedings. The Board’s collection and use of this data enables it to meet its statutory duty to regulate the rail industry.

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the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information.

Information from certain schedules contained in these reports is available at the Board’s website at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov) by navigating to “Reports & Data” and clicking on “Economic Data.” Information in these reports is not available from any other source.

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**Kenyatta Clay,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

**[FMCSA–2014–0383; FMCSA–2014–0385; FMCSA–2014–0387; FMCSA–2018–0139; FMCSA–2019–0109; FMCSA–2019–0110; FMCSA–2021–0015]**

**Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Hearing**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final disposition.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 13 individuals from the hearing requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. The exemptions enable these hard of hearing and deaf individuals to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** The exemptions were applicable on November 19, 2023. The exemptions expire on November 19, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, FMCSA, DOT, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W64–224,

Washington, DC 20590–0001, (202) 366–4001, [fmcsamedical@dot.gov](mailto:fmcsamedical@dot.gov). Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dockets Operations, (202) 366–9826.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Public Participation**

*A. Viewing Comments*

To view comments go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Insert the docket number (FMCSA–2014–0383, FMCSA–2014–0385, FMCSA–2014–0387, FMCSA–2018–0139, FMCSA–2019–0109, FMCSA–2019–0110, or FMCSA–2021–0015) in the keyword box and click “Search.” Next, sort the results by “Posted (Newer-Older),” choose the first notice listed, and click “Browse Comments.” If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting Dockets Operations on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, 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.

*B. Privacy Act*

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(6), DOT solicits comments from the public on the exemption requests. 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 (Federal Docket Management System), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>, the comments are searchable by the name of the submitter.