

E. Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments

This interpretive rule does not have Tribal implications under E.O. 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian Tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian Tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian Tribes.

F. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) (UMRA) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. UMRA addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or Tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of \$206 million (which is the value equivalent of \$100 million in 1995, adjusted for inflation to 2025) or more in any 1 year. As discussed above, this interpretive rule by itself results in no expenditures and therefore the analytical requirements of UMRA do not apply. Any costs and benefits will be analyzed in future rules subject to the principles laid out in this notice.

G. Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980

The Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, requires agencies to prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis for any rule where the agency is required by law to publish a general notice of proposed rulemaking.⁶³ NHTSA is not required to complete a regulatory flexibility analysis because, as discussed previously, this action is not subject to notice and public comment under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA)⁶⁴ or any other law.

H. Paperwork Reduction Act

This interpretive rule contains no new information collection requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

I. National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

In accordance with 42 U.S.C. 4336, “[a]n agency is not required to prepare an environmental document with respect to a proposed agency action if the proposed agency action is not a final agency action within the meaning of such term in chapter 5 of title 5 [of the

United States Code].” As discussed above, this action is not a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. Chapter 5. Any environmental effects will be analyzed in a future rulemaking resetting the MDHD program subject to the principles laid out in this notice.

J. Privacy

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (Pub. L. 108–447, 118 Stat. 2809, 3268, Dec. 8, 2004 (5 U.S.C. 552a note)), requires certain parties (Federal agencies and any non-Federal entity that receives records contained in a system of records from a Federal agency for use in a matching program) to conduct a privacy impact assessment of a regulation that will affect the privacy of individuals. Because this interpretive rule does not require the collection of personally identifiable information, NHTSA is not required to conduct a privacy impact assessment.

The E-Government Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107–347, sec. 208, 116 Stat. 2899, 2921, Dec. 17, 2002), requires Federal agencies to conduct a privacy impact assessment for new or substantially changed technology that collects, maintains, or disseminates information in an identifiable form. No new or substantially changed technology will collect, maintain, or disseminate information as a result of this interpretive rule. Accordingly, NHTSA has not conducted a privacy impact assessment.

K. Congressional Review Act

Pursuant to the Congressional Review Act (CRA) (5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*), the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs designated this rule as not a “major rule,” as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2). NHTSA will submit this rule to Congress and the Government Accountability Office as required by the CRA.

Issued on August 27, 2026 in Washington, DC, under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.95.

Jonathan Morrison,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 555

[Docket No. NHTSA–2026–1585]

Temporary Exemption From Motor Vehicle Safety and Bumper Standards; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Interim final rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: In response to a request from the Alliance for Automotive Innovation (Auto Innovators), NHTSA is announcing a 30-day extension of the public comment period for the interim final rule (IFR) published on July 31, 2026 amending NHTSA’s general exemption regulations to remove language limiting the application of temporary exemptions from the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) and the bumper standard to motor vehicles manufactured on and after the effective date of an exemption, and to align the regulations with the Administrator’s statutory discretion to determine the vehicle population covered by a temporary exemption. The notice also removed the requirement that applications for exemption be submitted in three copies and specified an electronic means for submission. The comment period for the notice was originally scheduled to end on August 31, 2026. It will now end on September 30, 2026.

DATES: The comment period for the IFR published on July 31, 2026 at 91 FR 48307, is extended. Comments should be received on or before September 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by the docket number in the heading of this document through any of the following methods:

- **Electronic submissions:** Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- **Fax:** (202) 493–2251.

- **Mail or Hand Delivery:** Docket Management, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Suite W58–213, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366–9826 or (202) 366–9317 before coming.

⁶³ See 5 U.S.C. 603.

⁶⁴ See 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A).

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. 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 below.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–78) or you may visit <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or the street address listed above. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets via internet.

Confidential Business Information: If you claim that any of the information in your comment (including any additional documents or attachments) constitutes confidential business information within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) or is protected from disclosure pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1905, please see the detailed instructions given under the Public Participation heading of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Eli Wachtel, Office of the Chief Counsel email: eli.wachtel@dot.gov, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 31, 2026, NHTSA published an IFR to amend NHTSA's general exemption regulations in 49 CFR part 555 to remove language limiting the application of temporary exemptions from the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) and the bumper standard to motor vehicles manufactured on and after the effective date of an exemption, and to align the regulations with the Administrator's statutory discretion to determine the vehicle population covered by a temporary exemption.¹ The IFR also removed the requirement that applications for exemption be submitted in three copies and specified an electronic means for submission. The notice stated that although the amendments were effective

immediately, NHTSA will publish a final rule following the comment period responding to any comments received and making any appropriate changes to the IFR. The notice provided a 30-day comment period which closes on August 31, 2026.

On August 10, 2026, NHTSA received a request from Auto Innovators for a 30-day extension of the comment period.² Auto Innovators stated that "the proposal raises significant legal, technical, and policy issues that warrant careful evaluation." Auto Innovators said a 30-day extension of the comment period would facilitate technical analysis and stakeholder coordination and allow more comprehensive comments.

NHTSA is granting the request to extend the comment period by 30 days. NHTSA has determined that the requestors have shown good cause for an extension and that the extension is consistent with public interest. A 30-day extension appropriately balances NHTSA's interest in providing the public with sufficient time to comment on the notice with its interest in obtaining specific feedback from stakeholders in a timely manner. Accordingly, NHTSA is extending the comment period until September 30, 2026.³

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 322, 30113; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.95.

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Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 20

[Docket No. FWS–HQ–MB–2024–0206;
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RIN 1018–BI04

Process for Authorizing Seasonal Migratory Game Bird Hunting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule.

² Alliance for Automotive Innovation, Docket No. NHTSA–2026–1585–0003.

³ Readers should note that, even after the comment closing date has passed, interested persons are able to file comments in the docket, which NHTSA will consider to the extent practicable. 49 CFR 553.23. NHTSA may also continue to file relevant information in the docket as it becomes available. Accordingly, the Agency recommends that readers periodically check the docket for new material.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service or we) is changing the administrative process for authorizing seasonal migratory game bird hunting in the United States. Migratory game bird hunting regulations are currently promulgated annually to provide opportunities for recreation and sustenance; aid Federal, State, and Tribal governments in the management of migratory game birds; and allow harvests at levels compatible with migratory game bird population status and habitat conditions. The Service is adopting a more efficient administrative process for authorizing seasonal migratory game bird hunting. The Service will issue a memorandum to establish the limits and authorize seasonal migratory game bird hunting once every 3 years. The Service will continue to make annual decisions on harvest levels and will update the memorandum sooner than 3 years if changes are prescribed by our decision frameworks. The process eliminates the need for subsequent annual Federal regulation promulgation and rulemaking and is expected to increase efficiency; better meet State, Tribal, and Federal rulemaking constraints; and reduce the complexity and costs. Our goal is to better serve State partners and the hunting public while continuing to meet the legal and conservation purposes of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Tribes are already authorized under a similar process.

DATES: This rule takes effect on August 31, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Comments and materials we received, as well as supporting documentation we used in preparing this final rule, are available for public inspection on <https://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS–HQ–MB–2024–0206, or by appointment, during normal business hours, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Migratory Bird Management, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerome Ford, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, (703) 358–2606. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point of contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

¹ 91 FR 48307.