

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 13125]

Waiver of Sanctions on Syria Under the Chemical and Biological Weapons Control and Warfare Elimination Act of 1991

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On June 30, 2025, the President determined pursuant to section 307(d)(1)(B) of the Chemical and Biological Weapons Control and Warfare Elimination Act of 1991 (the Act), 22 U.S.C. 5605(d)(1)(B), that there has been a fundamental change in the leadership and policies of the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic and decided to waive all of the sanctions imposed on Syria over the Assad regime's use of chemical weapons against his own people except the restriction on arms sales and arms sales financing. On August 20, 2026, The Under Secretary for Arms Control and Nonproliferation determined that it was essential to the national security of the United States to waive these two remaining restrictions.

DATES: This notice is effective on September 16, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pamela K. Durham, Office of Missile, Biological, and Chemical Nonproliferation, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State, Telephone (202) 647-4930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 307(d) of the Chemical and Biological Weapons Control and Warfare Elimination Act of 1991 (22 U.S.C. 5605(d)), on August 20, 2026 the Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security determined it is essential to the national security interests of the United States to waive the application of the following sanctions on Syria:

1. Arms Sales: Termination of (a) sales to Syria under the Arms Export Control Act of any defense articles, defense services, or design and construction services, and (b) licenses for the export to Syria of any item on the United States Munitions List.
2. Arms Sales Financing: Termination of all foreign military financing for Syria under the Arms Export Control Act.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No.: FAA-2026-9077; Summary Notice No. 2026-24]

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Volatus Aerospace US Corp

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 October 6, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by docket number FAA-2026-9077 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.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marissa Tucholka, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591, at 202-267-9677.

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Petition for Exemption

Docket No.: FAA-2026-9077.

Petitioner: Volatus Aerospace US Corp.

Sections of 14 CFR Affected: §§ 61.3(a)(1)(i), 91.7(a), 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), and 91.417(b).

Description of Relief Sought: Volatus Aerospace US Corp requests an exemption to operate the FlyingBasket SRL FB3 unmanned aircraft system (UAS), weighing over 55 pounds (lbs.) but no more than 393.50 lbs., to demonstrate and conduct external-load, cargo-lift, and telecommunications infrastructure support operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2026-1586]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, FRA seeks approval of the Information Collection Request (ICR) summarized below. Before submitting this ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval, FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified in the ICR.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 16, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed ICR should be submitted on <https://www.regulations.gov> to Docket No. FRA-2026-1586. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket, including any personal information provided. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number (2130-0035) in any correspondence submitted. FRA will summarize comments received in response to this notice in a subsequent notice, made available to the public, and include them in its information collection submission to OMB for approval.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Joanne Swafford, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at email: joanne.swafford@dot.gov or telephone: (757) 897-9908.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to provide 60 days' notice to the public to allow comment on information collection activities before seeking OMB approval of the activities. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.8 through 1320.12. Specifically, FRA invites interested parties to comment on the following ICR regarding: (1) whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (3) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1).

FRA finds that soliciting public comment may reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information that Federal regulations mandate. In summary, comments received will advance three objectives: (1) reduce reporting burdens; (2) organize information collection requirements in a

“user-friendly” format to improve the use of such information; and (3) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce information requested. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3501.

The summary below describes the ICR that FRA will submit for OMB clearance as the PRA requires:

Title: Railroad Operating Rules.

OMB Control Number: 2130-0035.

Abstract: The collection of information associated with 49 CFR parts 217, Railroad Operating Rules, and 218, Railroad Operating Practices, requires railroads to file with FRA copies of their operating rules, timetables, timetable special instructions, and subsequent amendments. The regulations also require railroads to retain copies of these documents at their systems headquarters and make these documents available to FRA upon request.

In October 2023, FRA published a final rule¹ revising parts 217, 218, and 229. This rule requires railroads that provide regularly scheduled intercity rail passenger transportation to the public to install inward- and outward-facing locomotive image recording devices on all lead locomotives of passenger trains. In addition, a passenger railroad that utilizes inward-facing locomotive image or in-cab audio recordings to conduct operational tests and inspections must adopt and comply with procedures in its written operational tests and inspections program regarding how such tests are to be conducted. Specifically, if passenger railroads choose to use these recording devices to conduct operational testing, they must implement objective, neutral criteria to ensure employees are randomly subject to such testing. This random selection requirement is designed to prevent railroad supervisors from unfairly targeting specific employees for operational testing as a form of retaliation.

Further, this rule established the use of the new Form FRA F 6180-49AP (Passenger Locomotive Inspection and Repair Record) to collect Federally required locomotive inspection, testing, and repair information for lead locomotives in commuter or intercity passenger train service, including information regarding locomotive recording devices.

This collection of information holds railroad management accountable for implementing appropriate rules, instructions, and programs of operational tests. It also holds railroad supervisors accountable for administering operational tests and establishing appropriate expectations with respect to rules compliance. Railroad employees are held accountable for complying with specified operating rules and have a right of challenge should they be instructed to take actions that, in good faith, they believe would violate those rules.

In this 60-day notice, FRA has made changes that increased the previously approved burden from 765,488 hours to 766,620. While some adjustments decreased burden hours, overall, FRA adjustments increased the total annual responses by 14,895 and increased total burden by 1,132 hours.

Specifically, § 217.9 requires railroads to conduct operations tests and inspections to verify compliance with their code of operating rules. The annual responses for the written quarterly reviews, 6-month reviews, and annual summary of operational tests and inspections under § 217.9 were underestimated. The newly revised estimates include adjustments made to reflect changes in the number of Class II, Class III, and passenger railroads that must comply with the various sections throughout these regulations. As an example, previous burden estimates for the annual summary of operational tests and inspections did not include submissions from the Class III railroads. This oversight has been corrected and accounts for 93 percent of the burden increase for this submission. In addition, burden hours for recordkeeping have increased to reflect the increased number of railroad employees and the associated records that must be kept for each individual.

Further, under § 218.95, employee training records, the revised estimate reflects an increase in the number of employees from 85,600 to 101,000.

Type of Request: Extension without change (with changes in estimates) of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses.

Form(s): FRA F 6180.49AP.

Respondent Universe: 773 railroads.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

Reporting Burden:

¹ 90 FR 28150 (July 1, 2025).

49 CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses (A)	Average time per response (B)	Total annual burden hours (A * B = C)	Wage rate ²	Total cost equivalent U.S.D. (D = C * wage rate)
217.7 Operating rules; filing and recordkeeping:						
—(a) Filing of code of operating rules, timetables, and timetable special instructions by Class I, Class II, Amtrak, and commuter railroads with FRA.	1 new railroad	2 documents	1 hour	2	\$90.19	\$180.38
—(b) Amendments to code of operating rules, timetables, and timetable special instructions by Class I, Class II, Amtrak, and commuter railroads with FRA.	57 railroads ...	312 revised documents.	20 minutes	104	90.19	9,379.76
—(c) Class III and other railroads—Copy of code of operating rules, timetables, and timetable special instructions at system headquarters.	2 new railroads.	2 documents	1 hour	2	90.19	180.38
—(c) Class III and other railroads—Amendments to code of operating rules, timetables, and timetable special instructions at system headquarters.	717 railroads	1,434 amendments	15 minutes	359	90.19	32,378.21
217.9 Program of operational tests and inspections; recordkeeping:						
—(b)(2) Written records documenting qualification of each railroad testing officer.	773 railroads	3,500 records	2 minutes ...	117	90.19	10,552.23
—(b)(3) Development and adoption of procedure ensuring random selection of employees by railroads utilizing inward-facing locomotive and in-cab audio recordings to conduct operational tests and inspections.	42 railroads ...	12 adopted procedures.	24 hours	288	121.22	34,911.36
—(c) Written program of operational tests and inspections.	2 new railroads.	2 programs	10 hours	20	121.22	2,424.40
—(d)(1) Records of operational tests/inspections	773 railroads	9,120,000 test records and updates.	5 minutes ...	760,000	90.19	68,544,400.00
—(d)(2) Railroad copy of current program operational tests/inspections—Amendments.	57 railroads ...	171 program revisions.	70 minutes	200	90.19	18,038.00
—(e)(1)(i) Written quarterly review of operational tests/inspections by railroads other than passenger railroads.	20 railroads ...	80 reviews	3 hours	240	90.19	21,645.60
—(e)(1)(ii) 6-month review of operational tests/inspections/naming of officer.	20 railroads ...	40 reviews	2 hours	80	90.19	7,215.20
—(e)(2) 6-month review by passenger railroads designated officers of operational testing and inspection data.	42 Amtrak + passenger railroads.	84 reviews	3 hours	252	90.19	22,727.88
—(e)(3) Records of periodic reviews	57 railroads ...	204 records	1 minute	3	90.19	270.57
—(f)–(g) Annual summary of operational tests and inspections.	773 railroads	773 summary records.	1 hour	773	90.19	69,716.87
—(h)(1)(i) RR amended program of operational tests/inspections.	773 railroads	5 revised programs	30 minutes	2.50	90.19	225.48
—(h)(1)(ii) FRA disapproval of RR program of operational tests/inspections and RR written response in support of program.	773 railroads	5 supporting documents.	1 hour	5	90.19	450.95
217.11 Program of instruction on operating rules; recordkeeping; electronic recordkeeping:						
—(a) Written program of periodic instruction for employees on operating rules.	2 new railroads.	2 written programs ..	8 hours	16	90.19	1,443.04
—(b) RR copy of written program and subsequent amendments.	773 railroads	110 written/modified program copies.	30 minutes	55	90.19	4,960.45
218.95 Instruction, training, and examination:						
—(b) Employee training records	773 railroads	101,000 employees records.	1 minute	1,683	90.19	151,789.77
—(c)(1)(i) Amended RR program of instruction, testing, examination.	773 railroads	5 amended programs.	30 minutes	3	90.19	270.57
218.97 Good faith challenge procedures:						
—(b)(4) RR copy of good faith challenge procedures	773 railroads	4,732 copies	6 minutes ...	473	90.19	42,659.87
—(c)(1) and (c)(4) RR employee good faith challenge of RR directive.	10 workers	10 good faith challenges.	15 minutes	3	90.19	270.57
—(c)(5) RR resolution of employee good faith challenge	2 new railroads.	5 responses	15 minutes	1	90.19	90.19
—(d)(1) RR officer immediate review of unresolved good faith challenge.	57 railroads ...	3 reviews	30 minutes	2	90.19	180.38
—(d)(2) RR officer explanation to employee that Federal law may protect against employer retaliation for refusal to carry out work if employee refusal is a lawful, good faith act.	773 railroads	3 answers	15 minutes	1	90.19	90.19
—(d)(3) Employee written/electronic protest of employer final decision.	773 railroads	3 written protests	15 minutes	1	90.19	90.19
—(d)(4) Written request for further review and written verification decision.	773 new railroads.	2 further reviews	30 minutes	1	90.19	90.19
—(e) Recordkeeping and record retention	773 railroads	773 copies	5 minutes ...	64	90.19	5,772.16
218.99 Shoving or pushing movements:						
—(a) RR operating rule complying with section's requirements. (Existing and new railroads).	773 railroads and 2 new railroads.	2 new rules 1 rule modification.	1 hour	3	90.19	270.57
218.101 Leaving rolling and on-track maintenance-of-way equipment in the clear:						
—Operating rule that complies with this section. (Existing and new railroads).	773 railroads and 2 new railroads.	2 new rules 1 rule modification.	30 minutes	1.50	90.19	135.29

49 CFR section	Respondent universe	Total annual responses	Average time per response	Total annual burden hours	Wage rate ²	Total cost equivalent U.S.D.
		(A)	(B)	(A * B = C)		(D = C * wage rate)
218.103 Hand-operated switches, including crossover switches: —Operating Rule that complies with this section	773 railroads and 2 new railroads.	2 new rules 1 rule modification.	30 minutes	1.50	90.19	135.29
229.22 Passenger locomotive inspection and repair record: —Form FRA F 6180.49AP	36 railroads ...	4,500 passenger locomotives.	15 minutes	1,125	90.19	101,463.75
229.136 Locomotive image and audio recording devices: —(f)(1) Passenger railroads adoption and development of chain of custody procedures.	36 railroads ...	12 procedures	48 hours	576	90.19	51,949.44
—(f)(2) Passenger railroad preservation of accident/incident data of image and audio recording system from locomotive using such system at time of accident/incident (includes voluntary freight railroads & restates previous requirement under § 229.135(e)).	36 railroads ...	140 saved recordings.	10 minutes	23	90.19	2,074.37
—(g) Written description of technical aspects any locomotive image recording system to FRA for approval sent via email to FRAIRRSMP@dot.gov .	36 railroads ...	7 written descriptions/plans.	20 hours	140	90.19	12,626.60
Total	773 railroads	9,237,942 responses.	N/A	766,620		69,151,060

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 9,237,942.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 766,620 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$69,151,060.

FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information that does not display a currently valid OMB control number.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–2026–1588]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, FRA seeks approval of the Information Collection Request (ICR) summarized below. Before submitting this ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval, FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified in the ICR.

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ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed ICR should be submitted on <https://www.regulations.gov> to Docket No. FRA–2026–1588. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket, including any personal information provided. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number (2130–0545) in any correspondence submitted. FRA will summarize comments received in response to this notice in a subsequent notice, made available to the public, and include them in its information collection submission to OMB for approval.

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3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.8 through 1320.12. Specifically, FRA invites interested parties to comment on the following ICR regarding: (1) whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (3) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. See 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1).

FRA finds that soliciting public comment may reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information that Federal regulations mandate. In summary, comments received will advance three objectives: (1) reduce reporting burdens; (2) organize information collection requirements in a “user-friendly” format to improve the use of such information; and (3) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce information requested. See 44 U.S.C. 3501.

The summary below describes the ICR that FRA will submit for OMB clearance as the PRA requires:

Title: Passenger Train Emergency Preparedness.

OMB Control Number: 2130–0545.

² The dollar equivalent cost is derived from the 2024 Surface Transportation Board Full Year Wage A&B data series using the employee group 200 (Professional & Administrative) hourly wage rate of \$51.54, and group 100 (Executives, Officials & Staff Assistants) hourly wage rate of \$69.27. The total burden wage rate (Straight time plus 75 percent) used in the table is \$90.19 (\$51.54 × 1.75 = \$90.19), and \$121.22 (\$69.27 × 1.75 = \$121.22).