

from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to *December 21, 2026*.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web:* Persons with access to the internet may comment on this notice by going to *www.Regulations.gov*. You can search for the document by entering “Docket Number: DOS–2026–1157” in the Search field. Then click the “Comment Now” button and complete the comment form.

- *Email:* *usncp@state.gov*

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Alan Krill, who may be reached on *USNCP@state.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* National Contact Point Web Page.
 - *OMB Control Number:* None.
 - *Type of Request:* New Collection.
 - *Originating Office:* EEB/IFD/OIA.
 - *Form Number:* No form.
 - *Respondents:* Individuals or organizations submitting information as part of the Specific Instance Process under the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct.
 - *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 180 per year.
 - *Estimated Number of Responses:* 180.
 - *Average Time per Response:* 20 minutes.
 - *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 60 hours.
 - *Frequency:* On occasion.
 - *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.
- We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:
- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
 - Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
 - Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
 - Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including

through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The information collected will be used by the U.S. National Contact Point (U.S. NCP) to administer the Specific Instance process under the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct. The information enables the U.S. NCP to understand the issues raised by a submitter, determine whether a matter is eligible for further consideration, obtain relevant information from the parties, facilitate dialogue or mediation where appropriate, and prepare any resulting statements or recommendations. The information may also be used to communicate with the parties, manage the case, and support the U.S. NCP’s reporting and other responsibilities under the OECD Guidelines. Especially due to a recent increase in the volume of inquiries and submissions to the NCP, the collection is necessary for the Department to evaluate and process Specific Instance submissions and efficiently and effectively carry out the U.S. NCP’s Specific Instance functions.

Methodology

This collection will be completed totally online, through a dedicated web page.

Alice M. Kottmyer,

Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice:13150]

Determination and Certification With Respect to the Child Soldiers Prevention Act (CPSA) of 2008

Pursuant to section 404 of the CSPA (22 U.S.C.2370c–1) and presidential delegation of authority dated August 4, 2025, I hereby: Determine that it is in the national interest of the United States to waive in part the application of the prohibition in section 404(a) of the CSPA with respect to the Central African Republic to allow for the provision of international military

education and training (IMET) assistance and excess defense articles (EDA) and the issuance of direct commercial sales (DCS) licenses to the extent that the CSPA would restrict such assistance; to waive in part the application of the prohibition in section 404(a) of the CSPA with respect to the DRC to allow for the provision of IMET and peacekeeping operations (PKO) assistance, and the issuance of DCS licenses to the extent that the CSPA would restrict such assistance; to waive the application of the prohibition in section 404(a) of the CSPA with respect to Ethiopia; to waive the application of the prohibition in section 404(a) of the CSPA with respect to Nigeria; to waive in part the application of the prohibition in section 404(a) of the CSPA with respect to Somalia to allow for the provision of PKO assistance and support provided pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 331 and 10 U.S.C. 333 to the extent that the CSPA would restrict such assistance; to waive in part the application of the prohibition in section 404(a) of the CSPA with respect to Venezuela to allow for the provision of IMET assistance to the extent that the CSPA would restrict such assistance; to waive the application of the prohibition in section 404(a) of the CSPA with respect to Yemen; and to waive the application of the prohibition in section 404(a) of the CSPA to allow for the issuance of DCS licenses related to other U.S. government assistance for the above countries and, with respect to the Russian Federation, solely for the issuance of DCS licenses in connection with the International Space Station.

I certify that the governments of the above countries are taking effective and continuing steps to address the problem of child soldiers.

Accordingly, I hereby waive such applications of section 404(a) of the CSPA.

This determination and certification shall be published in the **Federal Register** and shall be transmitted, along with the accompanying Memorandum of Justification, to Congress.

Dated: September 30, 2026.

Marco Rubio,

Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority No. 629]

Title: Delegation of Authority to the Office of Presidential Appointments

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On August 11, 2026, the Under Secretary of State for Management signed a delegation of authority to the Director and Deputy Director of the Office of Presidential Appointments, as set out below.

DATES: The Under Secretary for Management signed the delegation of authority on August 11, 2029.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alice Kottmyer, Attorney-Adviser, L/M, 202-679-8083, kottmyeram@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Delegation of Authorities and Functions Involving Administration of the Office of Presidential Appointments Programs

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Secretary of State in Delegation of Authority 514, and to the extent authorized by law, I hereby delegate to the Director of the Office of Presidential Appointments (“the Director”), and the Deputy Director of the Office of Presidential Appointments (“the Deputy Director”) consistent with the duties of their office as outlined in the Foreign Affairs Manual and Foreign Affairs Handbook, the functions and authorities related to the programs, laws and regulations administered by or relating to the substantive specialty of the office as follows:

1. The authority to prescribe regulations and approve exceptions arising under laws administered by or relating to the programs of the Office of Presidential Appointments.

2. The authority to approve Minister-Counselor and Counselor diplomatic title exception requests where the lack of such title would constitute a major impairment to the effective performance of the member’s duties or the function of the mission.

3. The authority to approve accreditation of persons who are not U.S. government employees abroad (including U.S. government personal services contractors; commercial contractors performing business on behalf of the U.S. government; and grantees).

4. The role of Custodian of the Great Seal of the United States, including all functions related to the operation of the Great Seal and maintenance of the press.

Technical Provisions

The Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, and the Under Secretary for Management, may at any time exercise the functions herein delegated.

Any actions related to the functions described herein that may have been taken prior to the date of this delegation of authority by the Office of Presidential

Appointments consistent with their duties as outlined in the Foreign Affairs Manual or Foreign Affairs Handbook, are hereby affirmed and ratified. Such actions shall remain in force as if taken under this delegation of authority, unless or until such actions are rescinded, amended, or superseded.

Any act, executive order, regulation, manual or procedure subject to, affected, or incorporated by, this delegation shall be deemed to be such act, executive order, regulation, manual or procedure as amended from time to time. As used in this delegation of authority, the word “function” includes any duty, obligation, power, authority, responsibility, right, privilege, discretion, or activity.

Signed on August 11, 2026, by Jason Evans, Under Secretary for Management.

(Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2651a.)

Alice M. Kottmyer,

Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2026–0100]

Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Application for an Exemption From Grote Industries, LLC

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of supplemental information; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public of new information that FMCSA believes is relevant to the application from Grote Industries, LLC (Grote) for an exemption from the requirement that exterior lighting devices on commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) be steady-burning. If granted, the exemption would allow motor carriers to operate CMVs equipped with auxiliary warning lamps controlled by Grote’s Rear-End Collision Warning (RCW) system. Following publication of the Agency’s notice seeking comment, Grote provided additional information to FMCSA staff concerning the design and operation of the RCW system, including the color and activation sequence of the auxiliary warning lamps, the interaction between the RCW and brake-activated warning functions, system operation on

combination vehicles, and the operation of the radar detection system. FMCSA is making this supplemental information available in the docket and provides an opportunity for public comment.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 19, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket Number FMCSA–2026–0100 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* www.regulations.gov. See the Public Participation and Request for Comments section below for further information.

- *Mail:* Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W58–213, West Building, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W58–213, West Building, Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* (202) 493–2251.

- Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number (FMCSA–2026–0100) for this notice. Note that DOT posts all comments received without change to www.regulations.gov, including any personal information included in a comment. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

Privacy Act: In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its exemption process. DOT posts these comments, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL–14 FDMS (Federal Docket Management System (FDMS)), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>. The comments are posted without edit and are searchable by the name of the submitter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Sutula, Chief, Vehicle and Roadside Operations Division, Office of Carrier, Driver, and Vehicle Safety, FMCSA; MCPSV@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation and Request for Comments

FMCSA encourages interested persons to participate in this proceeding by submitting comments and related materials regarding Grote’s supplemental information discussed in this notice.

A. Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this