

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****Notice of Intent To Rule on Application To Impose and Use the Revenue from a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Texarkana Regional Airport, Texarkana, AR**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to rule on application.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Texarkana Regional Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 27, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate copies to the FAA at the following address: Mr. G. Thomas Wade, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Planning and Programming Branch, ASW-611, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0610.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Steven Lubbert, Manager of Texarkana Regional Airport at the following address: Manager, Texarkana Airport Authority, 201 Airport Drive, Texarkana, AR 71854.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of the written comments previously provided to the Airport under Section 158.23 of Part 158.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. G. Thomas Wade, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Planning and Programming Branch, ASW-611, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0610, (817) 222-5613.

The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Texarkana Regional Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L.

101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

On December 16, 2002 the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the Airport was substantially complete within the requirements of § 158.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later April 4, 2003.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

*Level of the proposed PFC:* \$4.50.

*Proposed charge effective date:* September 1, 2005.

*Proposed charge expiration date:* August 1, 2006.

*Total estimated PFC revenue:* \$98,250.

*PFC application number:* 03-05-C-00-TXK.

*Brief description of proposed project(s):*

**Projects To Impose and Use PFC'S**

1. Rehabilitate Runway 13/31 and Taxiway C.

*Proposed class or classes of air carriers to be exempted from collecting PFC's:* None.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** and at the FAA regional Airports office located at: Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, Airports Division, Planning and Programming Branch, ASW-610, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas 76137-4298.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at Texarkana Regional Airport.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas on December 17, 2002.

**Joseph G. Washington,**

*Acting Manager, Airports Division.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[FMCSA Docket No. FMCSA-2002-13294]

**The Application by the Weirton Steel Corporation for Exemption From the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application for exemption; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The FMCSA announces that the agency has received an application from the Weirton Steel Corporation (Weirton) for an exemption from all of the FMCSRs applicable to the operation of commercial motor vehicles in interstate commerce. The company believes that its safety management controls and its safety performance record suggest that it would achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than that achieved by complying with the applicable safety regulations. The exemption, if granted, would preempt inconsistent State and local requirements applicable to interstate commerce.

**DATES:** We must receive your comments on or before January 27, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** You can mail or hand deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You can also submit comments at <http://dmses.dot.gov>. Please include the docket number that appears in the heading of this document. You can examine and copy this document and all comments received at the same Internet address or at the Dockets Management Facility from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you want to know that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Larry W. Minor, Office of Bus and Truck Standards and Operations, (202) 366-4009, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC. 20590-0001. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

Sections 31315 and 31136 of title 49 of the United States Code (U.S.C.) provide the FMCSA with authority to grant exemptions from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). An exemption provides relief from one or more FMCSRs to a person or class of persons subject to the regulations. An exemption provides relief for up to two years and may be renewed. Sections 31315 and 31136(e) of 49 U.S.C. require the agency to consider whether the terms and conditions for the exemption would achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety that would be obtained by complying with the regulations when evaluating applications for exemptions.

The regulations at 49 CFR part 381 establish the procedures to be followed to apply for exemptions from the FMCSRs, and the provisions used to process them.

The FMCSA must publish a notice in the **Federal Register** for each exemption requested, explain the request that has been filed; provide the public with an opportunity to inspect the safety analysis and any other relevant information known to the agency; and request public comment on the exemption. When granting a request for an exemption, the agency must publish a notice in the **Federal Register** identifying the person or class of persons who will receive the exemption, the provisions from which the person will be exempt, the effective period and all terms and conditions of the exemption. The terms and conditions established by the FMCSA must ensure that the exemption will likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by complying with the regulation.

#### **Weirton's Application for an Exemption**

Weirton submitted a request for exemptions from all the safety requirements of Subchapter B of Chapter III, Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, commonly referred to as the FMCSRs. A copy of the application is in the docket listed in the heading of this notice.

According to the application, Weirton's 44 drivers transport steel coils between the company's mill and its warehouse. The maximum distance the coils are transported is approximately 6 miles. From the warehouse, an outside carrier transports the coils to the customers.

Furthermore, Weirton asserts that its drivers travel primarily under "urban" conditions with traffic lights at almost every corner. The terrain is flat and the posted speed limit is 25 mph. In addition, the drivers work an 8-hour shift with an average of 3 hours of driving time during the shift. The company has operated in the city of Weirton since 1909. The application indicates that no company official or union official is aware of any fatigue-related accidents involving the company's drivers.

Weirton believes that in order to comply with Federal safety regulations, the company must hire more drivers. The company requests the exemption because its safety management controls and safety performance suggest that the Federal safety regulations are not necessary for their operations. Weirton believes it is capable of achieving an

equivalent or greater level of safety through its management practices.

#### **Request for Comments**

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(4) and 31136(e), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested parties on Weirton's application for an exemption from all of the safety requirements of Subchapter B to Chapter III, title 49 of the CFR. The agency may grant or deny the application based on the comments received, and any other relevant information that is available to the agency.

Issued on: December 20, 2002.

**Annette M. Sandberg,**

*Deputy Director.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

[Docket No. NHTSA 2001-10773]

#### **Reports, Forms and Record Keeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on August 9, 2002 [Vol. 67 FR 51925].

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before January 27, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George Person at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of Defects Investigation, 202-366-5210, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5326, Washington, DC 20590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Agency:* National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

*Title:* Reporting of Information About Foreign Safety Recalls and Campaigns Related to Potential Defects.

*OMB Number:* 2127-NEW.

*Type of Request:* New Collection.

*Abstract:* On October 11, 2001, NHTSA published a Final Rule (67 FR

63295) implementing section 3(a) of the Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability, and Documentation (TREAD) Act, Pub. L. 106-414, which requires a manufacturer of motor vehicles or motor vehicle equipment to report to NHTSA whenever it decides to conduct a safety recall or other safety campaign in a foreign country, or has been directed to do so by a foreign government, covering vehicles or equipment that are identical or substantially similar to vehicles or equipment sold or offered for sale in the United States. The obligation to report this information was effective on the day that the TREAD Act was signed into law, November 1, 2000. Since that date, NHTSA has, in fact, received some notifications of foreign safety campaigns being conducted.

*Affected Public:* The TREAD Act requires all manufacturers of motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment who sell vehicles or equipment in the United States, and who also sell or plan to sell vehicles outside the United States, to comply with these reporting requirements. We estimate that there are a total of 23,500 manufacturers who sell vehicles or equipment in the United States. Of these, we estimate that fewer than 70 vehicle manufacturers will need to comply with the reporting requirements.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* The annual burden is estimated to be 2,060 hours.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer.

*Comments are invited on:* Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

**Kenneth N. Weinstein,**

*Associate Administrator for Enforcement.*

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