

The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulation (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

(i) 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;

(ii) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.* permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the following proposed collections of information:

*Title:* 49 CFR 575.104; Uniform Tire Quality Grading Standard.

*OMB Control Number:* 2127-0519.

*Affected Public:* All passenger car tire manufacturers and brand name owners offering passenger car tires for sale in the United States.

*Form Number:* The collection of this information uses no standard form.

*Abstract:* Part 575 requires tire manufacturers and tire brand owners to submit reports to NHTSA regarding the UTQGS grades of all passenger car tire lines they offer for sale in the United States. This information is used by consumers of passenger car tires to compare tire quality in making their purchase decisions. The information is provided in several different ways to insure that the consumer can readily see and understand the tire grade: (1) The grades are molded into the sidewall of the tire so that they can be reviewed on both the new tire and the old tire that is being replaced; (2) a paper label is affixed to the tread face of the new tire that provides the grade of that particular tire line along with an explanation of the grading system; (3) tire manufacturers provide dealers with brochures for public distribution listing the grades of all of the tirelines they offer for sale; and (4) NHTSA compiles the grading information of all manufacturers' tirelines into a booklet that is available to the public both in printed form and on the Web site.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* NHTSA estimates that a total of 88,320 man-hours are required to write the brochures, engrave the new passenger car tire molds, and affix the paper labels to the tires. Based on an average hourly rate of \$22 per hour for rubber workers in the United States, the cost to the manufacturers is \$1,943,040 to perform those items listed above. The largest portion of the cost burden imposed by the UTQGS program arises from the testing necessary to determine the grades that should be assigned to the tires. An average of 125 convoys, driven 7,200 miles each, consisting of four vehicles and four drivers, are run each year for treadwear testing. NHTSA estimates it cost \$0.60 per vehicle mile including salaries, overhead and reports. This brings the annual treadwear testing cost to \$2,160,000. For the traction testing, it is estimated that 1,750 tires are tested annually with an estimated cost of \$38,500 for use of the government test facility. Using a factor of 3.5 times to cover salary and overhead of test contractors, the estimated cost of traction testing is \$134,750. A separate temperature grade testing for tires is required, since the test is no more an extension of the high speed performance test of 49 CFR 571.109 which was required for safety certification. Section 571.109 is replaced by § 571.139, which has different test speeds. For the temperature testing, it is estimated that 1,750 tires are tested annually with an estimated average cost per test of \$423. Therefore, the estimated UTQGS temperature annual testing is \$740,250. Thus the total estimated cost for UTQGS testing is \$3,035,000. The cost of printing the tread labels is approximately \$21,340,000 and the estimate for printing brochures is at \$999,000. This yields a total annual financial burden of approximately \$25,374,000 (approximately \$25.5 million) on the tire manufacturers.

*Estimated Annual Burden to the Government:* The estimated annual cost of UTQGS to the Federal government is \$1,278,000. The cost consists of approximately \$152,000 for data management, \$730,000 for enforcement testing, and about \$396,000 for general administration of the program.

*Number of Respondents:* There are approximately 160 individual tire brands sold in the United States. The actual number of respondents is much less than 160 due to company acquisitions, mergers, and in most cases, the manufacturer will report for the various individual brand names that they produce tires for. The actual

number of respondents is approximately 45 individual responses.

*Comments are invited on:* Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department'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.

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**Joseph S. Carra,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2010-47]

#### Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received

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

**ACTION:** Notice of petition for exemption received.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR part 43. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or 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 involved and must be received on or before November 1, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA-2010-1057 using any of the following methods:

- Government-wide rulemaking Web site: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.
- Mail: Send comments to the Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- Fax: Fax comments to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

- **Hand Delivery:** Bring comments to the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Privacy:** We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. Using the search function of our docket Web site, anyone can find and read the comments received into any of our dockets, including the name of the individual sending the comment (or signing the comment for 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).

**Docket:** To read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Katherine Haley, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-203, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 493-5708, facsimile (202) 267-5075; e-mail [Katherine.L.Haley@faa.gov](mailto:Katherine.L.Haley@faa.gov).

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**Pamela Hamilton-Powell,**  
*Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

#### **Petition for Exemption**

*Docket No.:* FAA-2010-1057.

*Petitioner:* Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation.

*Sections of 14 CFR Affected:* § 91.817.

*Description of Relief Sought:*

Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation seeks relief to allow certain flight tests to exceed Mach 1.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Railroad Administration**

#### **Petition for Waiver of Compliance**

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received

a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

#### **Northeast Illinois Commuter Railroad Corporation**

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2010-0150]

The Northeast Illinois Commuter Railroad Corporation (Metra) seeks a waiver of compliance with the Locomotive Safety Standards, 49 CFR 229.21, 229.23(d), 229.27(a)(3), and 229.29(a). Also, from the Passenger Equipment Safety Standards, 49 CFR 238.19, 238.303, 238.305, and 238.307 as they pertain to record-keeping and employee signatures. Metra seeks to keep locomotive Daily Inspection, Periodic Inspection, Annual Tests, and Biennial tests records in a centralized database, and provide for employees performing these inspections to utilize electronic signatures. These electronic records would be available at the various mechanical facilities where hard copies of the records are now maintained. FRA does not see a need to grant a waiver from the record-keeping requirements of the Passenger Equipment Safety Standards which already allows for electronic record-keeping.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2010-0150) and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- **Web site:** <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- **Fax:** 202-493-2251.

- **Mail:** Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

- **Hand Delivery:** 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.—5 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's Web site at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications and 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 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78).

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**Robert C. Lauby,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Regulatory and Legislative Operations.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Railroad Administration**

#### **Petition for Waiver of Compliance**

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#### **BNSF Railway Company and Ferrocarril Mexican Railway Company**

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2010-0126]

The BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) and Ferrocarril Mexican Railway Company (FXE) seek a test waiver of compliance from the requirements of 49 CFR 232.205 Class 1 Brake Test, Initial terminal inspection; 232.409—Inspection and testing of end-of-train devices; and 215.13—Pre-departure Inspection. This test waiver is necessary to allow tests and inspections conducted at Rio Escondido and