DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 375
[Docket No. FMCSA–2011–0313]
RIN 2126–AB41

Transportation of Household Goods in Interstate Commerce; Consumer Protection Regulations: Household Goods Motor Carrier Record Retention Requirements

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

ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: FMCSA confirms the effective date for its July 16, 2012, direct final rule concerning the period during which household goods (HHG) motor carriers must retain documentation of an individual shipper’s waiver of receipt of printed copies of consumer protection materials. The direct final rule harmonized the retention period with other document retention requirements applicable to HHG motor carriers. FMCSA also amended the regulations to clarify that a HHG motor carrier is not required to retain waiver documentation from any individual shippers for whom the carrier does not actually provide services. The Agency did not receive any comments in response to the direct final rule and confirms the November 13, 2012, effective date of the rule.

DATES: The effective date for the direct final rule published in the Federal Register on July 16, 2012 (77 FR 41699), is confirmed as November 13, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this rulemaking (FMCSA–2011–0313) is available for inspection at http://www.regulations.gov/

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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49 CFR Parts 383 and 390
[Docket No. FMCSA–2012–0156]
RIN 2126–AB53

Gross Combination Weight Rating (GCWR); Definition

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

ACTION: Direct final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) amends the definition of “gross combination weight rating” (GCWR) in our regulations. The definition currently prescribes how the GCWR is calculated if the vehicle manufacturer does not include the information on the vehicle certification label required by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The Agency has determined the definition should not include what is essentially guidance that is difficult for the motor carrier and enforcement communities to use. Therefore, FMCSA amends this definition to state that the GCWR is the value specified by the commercial motor vehicle manufacturer.

DATES: This rule is effective October 26, 2012, unless an adverse comment or notice of intent to submit an adverse comment, is either submitted to our online docket via http://www.regulations.gov or before September 26, 2012 or reaches the Docket Management Facility by that date. If an adverse comment or notice of intent to submit an adverse comment is received by September 26, 2012, the Agency will withdraw this direct final rule and publish a timely notice of withdrawal in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number FMCSA–