DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Railroad Administration
[Docket Number FRA–2013–0065]
Petition for Waiver of Compliance


TEVR seeks relief from 49 CFR 215.303–Stenciling of restricted cars, which requires that restricted railroad freight cars shall be stenciled or marked in clearly legible letters with the letter “R” and a series of designated terms to completely indicate the basis for the restricted operation of the car. The petition concurs one caboose, numbered RERX 5404, and four freight cars: RERX 101, 213, 504 and 702. The freight cars are railroad flatcars converted to passenger carriage cars for tourist and excursion railroad service by the addition of seating, superstructures, and steps. Each of the TEVR freight cars in the present petition is more than 50 years old, measured from the date of original construction. These freight cars are the subject of a parallel petition for Special Approval for continued operation under 49 CFR 215.203(c). Therefore, TEVR seeks waiver of the requirement for stenciling found in 49 CFR 215.303, as the railroad states that the stenciling would detract from both the aesthetic and historical nature of the reproduction vintage railcar equipment. As TEVR passenger equipment will operate in a limited area, TEVR requests permission to keep documentation related to the restricted status of the equipment at their business office, similar to the conditions granted to other tourist and excursion railroads.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12–140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

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.

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• Web site: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

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Communications received by October 21, 2013 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

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Petition for Waiver of Compliance


Specifically, Symans Enterprise seeks an exemption from the requirements for stenciling of restricted cars for two cars: (1) Car Number 604, a Pennsylvania Railroad open car, and (2) Car Number 514, a 1914 Lehigh New England Bobber caboose. Title 49 CFR 215.303 requires that cars deemed restricted by 49 CFR 215.203(a) shall be stenciled in a certain way. Symans Enterprise requests that it be permitted to leave the cars with their historical stenciling, and that it be exempted from stenciling these two cars with the large “R” usually required on restricted cars, as it would detract from the historical image.

Symans Enterprise states that the subject freight cars were converted to carry passengers. The subject cars and their type, capacities, reporting marks, and other features are listed in an enclosure with the petition letter. Also included in the enclosure are the design, type, components, or other items that cause each car to be restricted.

Symans Enterprise further states that the subject cars will be trucked by the company to the various locations for service, and the cars will be used for tourist attractions and historical purposes and will not be interchanged in regular freight operations. The cars will be serviced, inspected, and maintained in compliance with all applicable regulations with the exception of the conditions that require special approvals.

In addition, Symans Enterprise has requested a Special Approval for these cars to continue in service in accordance with 49 CFR 205.203(c).

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