

**Register** announcing the Buy America waiver request (81 FR 15409), seeking comment from all interested parties, including potential vendors and suppliers. The comment period closed on March 29, 2016, and no comments were received. Based on the representations from IPTC, YATA, KWT, and SRA, the lack of any comments, and the fact that the NIST supplier scouting search did not identify a domestically made air conditioner system, FTA is granting a non-availability waiver for the procurements of the ductless air conditioning systems described above on the grounds that the manufactured products are not available in the U.S. This waiver is limited to the specific procurements described in this waiver.

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*Deputy Chief Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2016-0035; Notice No. 2016-03]

#### Hazardous Materials: U.S. Designated Agents by Non-Resident Firework Manufacturers Guidance

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Guidance Notice.

**SUMMARY:** PHMSA is issuing this guidance clarifying that: (1) Firework manufacturers may have more than one U.S. Designated Agent provided they follow certain criteria; and (2) inclusion of electronic contact information can help reduce processing times for approval requests.

**DATES:** The policy clarification discussed in this document is effective April 19, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Ryan Paquet, Director, Approvals and Permits Division, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, (202) 366-4512, PHMSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Correspondence with respect to this notice should be sent to: [FIREWORKS@dot.gov](mailto:FIREWORKS@dot.gov), subject line—"U.S. Designated Agents Guidance" or respond to the listed address for Mr. Ryan Paquet.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. Introduction

In this action, PHMSA's Office of Hazardous Materials Safety (OHMS) is issuing this Public Outreach Notice to clarify PHMSA's policy regarding the use of U.S. Designated Agents by non-resident firework manufacturers, clarifying the number of U.S. Designated Agents non-resident firework manufacturers may use.

## II. Background

Pursuant to 49 CFR 173.56(b), a new explosive (firework) must be examined and assigned a recommended shipping description, division, and compatibility group by an examining agency, which is approved by PHMSA, unless the firework is manufactured to comply with the requirements specified in §§ 173.64 and 173.65. Applicant firework manufacturers that are not residents of the United States are required to designate an individual, a firm, or a domestic corporation that is a permanent resident of the United States to act as the non-resident applicant firework manufacturer's U.S. Designated Agent, in accordance with § 105.40.

## III. Action

PHMSA is no longer restricting non-resident firework manufacturers to the use of one U.S. Designated Agent. Since PHMSA allows applicant firework manufacturers to have more than one U.S. Designated Agent, the following criteria will help PHMSA to ensure that it has the correct information regarding a non-resident applicant firework manufacturer's U.S. Designated Agent.

PHMSA is also clarifying in this Notice that, although not required under § 105.40, inclusion of electronic contact information (*i.e.*, email) allows for a more expedited processing of approvals. When PHMSA has only the physical address of the applicant or agent, the process of compiling and manually processing for mailing approvals can add as much as two weeks to the processing time.

*Non-Resident Application Requests for Classification will be reviewed when:*

The U.S. Designated Agent information listed on the application request matches the information on the U.S. Designated Agent letter enclosed with the request.

*Non-Resident Application Requests for Classification may be rejected when:*

The U.S. Designated Agent information listed on the application request does not match the information on the U.S. Designated Agent letter enclosed with the request.

The application request indicates that the applicant firework manufacturer has

a U.S. Designated Agent, but does not include a U.S. Designated Agent letter.

Detailed information on the requirements for classification and approval of new fireworks is found in 49 CFR 173.56, 173.64, 173.65, the American Pyrotechnics Association's Standard 87-1, and on PHMSA's Web site at: [www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat](http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat). Additional information is available by calling the Hazardous Materials Information Center at (800) 467-4922 or (202) 366-4488.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2016-0007]

### Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST-R) Notice of Request for Clearance of a Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection: National Census of Ferry Operators

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST-R), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the BTS to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB's) approval for an information collection related to the nation's ferry operations. The information collected will be used to produce a descriptive database of existing ferry operations. A summary report of survey findings will also be published by BTS on the BTS Web page.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 19, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janine L. McFadden, (202) 366-2468, NCFO Project Manager, BTS, OST-R, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Room E34-411, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* National Census of Ferry Operators (NCFO)

*Type of Request:* Approval modifications to an existing information collection.

*Affected Public:* There are approximately 260 ferry operators nationwide.

*Abstract:* The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) (Pub. L. 105-178), section 1207(c), directed the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study of ferry transportation in the United States and its possessions. In 2000, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Intermodal and Statewide Planning conducted a survey of approximately 260 ferry operators to identify: (1) Existing ferry operations including the location and routes served; (2) source and amount, if any, of funds derived from Federal, State, or local governments supporting ferry construction or operations; (3) potential domestic ferry routes in the United States and its possessions; and (4) potential for use of high speed ferry services and alternative-fueled ferry services. The Safe, Accountable, Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Pub. L. 109-59, Section 1801(e)) required that the Secretary, acting through the BTS, shall establish and maintain a national ferry database containing current information regarding routes, vessels, passengers and vehicles carried, funding sources and such other information as the Secretary considers useful. MAP-21 legislation [Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (Pub. L. 112-141),] continued the BTS mandate to conduct the NCFO and also required that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) use the NCFO data to set the specific formula for allocating federal ferry funds. The funding allocations were based on a percentage of the number of passenger boardings, vehicle boardings, and route miles served.

BTS conducted the first Census of Ferry Operators in 2006. The Census was conducted again in 2008, 2010, 2014, and is scheduled for the spring 2016. These information collections were originally approved by OMB under Control Number 2139-0009. The recently enacted FAST Act legislation [Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (Pub. L. 114-94, sec. 1112)] continues the BTS mandate to conduct the NCFO on a biennial basis, and extended the requirement that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) use the NCFO data to set the specific formula for allocating federal ferry funds based on a percentage of the number of passenger boardings, vehicle

boardings, and route miles served. The overall length of the revised questionnaire for the 2018 NCFO will remain consistent with that of previous years.

The survey will be administered to the entire population of ferry operators (estimate 260 or less). The survey will request the respondents to provide information such as: the points served; the type of ownership; the number of passengers and vehicles carried in the past 12 months; vessel descriptions (including type of fuel), federal, state and local funding sources, and intermodal connectivity. All data collected in 2018 will be added to the existing NCFO database.

*Data Confidentiality Provisions:* The National Census of Ferry Operators may collect confidential business information. The confidentiality of these data will be protected under 49 CFR 7.29. In accordance with this regulation, only statistical and non-sensitive business information will be made available through publications and public use data files. The statistical public use data are intended to provide an aggregated source of information on ferry boat operations nationwide. Business sensitive information may be shared with FHWA to support FAST Act funding allocations.

*Frequency:* This survey will be updated every other year.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* The burden per respondent is estimated to be an average of 30 minutes. This average is based on an estimate of 20 minutes to answer new questions and an additional 10 minutes to review.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* The total annual burden (in the year that the survey is conducted) is estimated to be just under 130 hours (that is 30 minutes per respondent for 260 respondents equals 7,800 minutes).

*Response to Comments:* A 60 day notice requesting public comment was issued in the **Federal Register** on February 3, 2016. No comments were received.

*Public Comments Invited:* Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including, but not limited to: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the DOT; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, clarity and content of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory

Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: BTS Desk Officer.

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**Patricia Hu, Director,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Information Collection Renewal; Submission for OMB Review; Privacy of Consumer Financial Information**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The OCC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) (PRA).

In accordance with the requirements of the PRA, the OCC may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The OCC is soliciting comment concerning the renewal of its information collection titled, "Privacy of Consumer Financial Information." The OCC also is giving notice that it has sent the collection to OMB for review.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by May 19, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Because paper mail in the Washington, DC area and at the OCC is subject to delay, commenters are encouraged to submit comments by email, if possible. Comments may be sent to: Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Attention: 1557-0216, 400 7th Street SW., Suite 3E-218, Mail Stop 9W-11, Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by fax to (571) 465-4326 or by electronic mail to [prainfo@occ.treas.gov](mailto:prainfo@occ.treas.gov). You may personally inspect and photocopy comments at the OCC, 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20219.