

USDOT Number. Most for-hire carriers are also required to file a separate application for operating authority under 49 U.S.C. 13901. Mexico- and Non-North America-domiciled motor carriers file a separate registration form. The information collection will replace these three collections and create a single on-line form. This rule will streamline the collection and eliminate the need for motor carriers to file the same information on multiple forms.

*Title:* Unified Registration System, FMCSA Registration/Updates.

*OMB Control Number:* 2126-0051.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Respondents:* Motor carriers (including private and exempt for-hire carriers effective September 30, 2016), freight forwarders, brokers, cargo tank (CT) facilities, and intermodal equipment providers (IEPs) that are required to initially register for and then maintain their safety and operating authority registrations with USDOT.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 78,400 respondents for initial registration filings; 507,500 respondents for completing the biennial update; 13,000 respondents for filing name/address change requests; 1,100 respondents for transfer of operating authority registration notifications; and 2,030 respondents for reinstatements of operating authority registration.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1.34 hours for initial registration filings; and 10 minutes each for the biennial update, name/address change request, notification of transfer of operating authority registration, and reinstatement of revoked or inactive registration.

*Expiration Date:* November 30, 2016.

*Frequency of Response:* This information collection covers the initial application to register with FMCSA as a motor carrier, freight forwarder, broker, intermodal equipment provider, and cargo tank facility; as well as subsequent applications to complete a biennial update or any other update of the information recorded on the registration system, submit a name/address change request, seek a reinstatement of revoked or inactive registration, and notify the Agency of a transfer of operating authority registration.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 105,000 burden hours for the initial applications of registration; 84,600 burden hours for completing biennial updates; 2,200 burden hours for filing name/address change requests; 180 burden hours for operating authority registration transfer notifications; and 340 burden hours for reinstatements of revoked or inactive registration; for a

total estimated annual burden of 192,320 hours.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the performance of FMCSA's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Issued on: June 3, 2016.

**G. Kelly Regal,**

*Associate Administrator, Office of Research and Information Technology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA—2016-0167

#### Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation, Lamps and Reflective Devices; Application for an Exemption From STEMCO LP

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

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

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA requests public comment on an application for exemption from STEMCO LP (STEMCO) to allow motor carriers to operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) that are equipped with STEMCO's TrailerTail® aerodynamic device with rear identification lamps and rear clearance lamps that are mounted lower than currently permitted by the Agency's regulations. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) require rear identification lamps and rear clearance lamps to be located "as close as practicable to the top of the vehicle." While the TrailerTail® aerodynamic device is currently mounted slightly below the roof of the vehicle, STEMCO states that this offset prevents the device from delivering the maximum available fuel economy benefit as opposed to mounting it flush with the top of the vehicle which may block the visibility of the rear identification lamps and rear clearance lamps. STEMCO believes that locating the rear identification lamps and rear

clearance lamps lower on the vehicle, on a horizontal plane with other required lamps (stop, turn, and tail lamps) as is done on a flatbed trailer or an intermodal chassis, will maintain a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety achieved without the exemption. STEMCO is requesting the temporary exemption in advance of petitioning FMCSA to conduct a rulemaking to amend 49 CFR 393.11.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 11, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket ID FMCSA-2016-0167 using any of the following methods:

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

Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the Federal electronic docket site.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* Ground Floor, Room W12-140, DOT Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. e.t., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number for this notice. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the exemption process, see the "Public Participation" heading below. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the "Privacy Act" heading for further information.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or to Room W12-140, DOT Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Privacy Act:* In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at [www.dot.gov/privacy](http://www.dot.gov/privacy).

*Public participation:* The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is generally available 24 hours each day,

365 days each year. You may find electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines under the “help” section of the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site as well as the DOT’s <http://docketsinfo.dot.gov> Web site. If you would like notification that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgment page that appears after submitting comments online.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jose Cestero, Vehicle and Roadside Operations Division, Office of Bus and Truck Standards and Operations, MC-PSV, (202) 366-5541; Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

Section 4007 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) [Pub. L. 105-178, June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 401] amended 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e) to provide authority to grant exemptions from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). On August 20, 2004, FMCSA published a final rule (69 FR 51589) implementing section 4007. Under this rule, FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The Agency must provide the public with an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including any safety analyses that have been conducted. The Agency must also provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews the safety analyses and the public comments and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved by the current regulation (49 CFR 381.305).

The decision of the Agency must be published in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)). If the Agency denies the request, it must state the reason for doing so. If the decision is to grant the exemption, the notice must specify the person or class of persons receiving the exemption and the regulatory provision or provisions from which an exemption is granted. The notice must specify the effective period of the exemption (up to 5 years) and explain the terms and conditions of the exemption. The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.315(c) and 49 CFR 381.300(b)).

##### **STEMCO Application for Exemption**

STEMCO, on behalf of motor carriers utilizing its TrailerTail® aerodynamic

devices, applied for an exemption from 49 CFR 393.11 to allow rear identification lamps and rear clearance lamps to be mounted lower than currently permitted by the Agency’s regulations. A copy of the application is included in the docket referenced at the beginning of this notice.

Table 1 of § 393.11, “Required lamps and reflectors on commercial motor vehicles,” specifies the requirements for lamps, reflective devices and associated equipment by the type of CMV. All CMVs manufactured on or after December 25, 1968, must, at a minimum, meet the applicable requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 108, “Lamps, reflective devices, and associated equipment,” in effect at the time of manufacture of the vehicle. Rear identification lamps must be mounted as close as practicable to the top of the vehicle. One lamp must be as close as practicable to the vertical centerline and one on each side of the center lamp with the lamp centers spaced not less than 6 inches or more than 12 inches apart, and all on the same level. One rear clearance lamp must be located on each side of the vertical centerline of the vehicle to indicate overall width, both of which must be on the same level and as high as practicable.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) have jointly proposed a national program that would establish the next phase of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and fuel efficiency standards for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles. This “Phase 2 program” would significantly reduce carbon emissions and improve the fuel efficiency of heavy-duty vehicles, helping to address the challenges of global climate change and energy security. In February 2015, STEMCO purchased ATDynamics and its TrailerTail® product line, a collapsible boat tail technology that improves the rear aerodynamic shape of CMVs. STEMCO states that motor carriers are evaluating the TrailerTail® rear aerodynamic device to help meet (1) the proposed Phase 2 program standards, and (2) the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Tractor-Trailer Greenhouse Gas Regulation for dry van and refrigerated van type trailers that has been in effect since 2010.

For newly manufactured trailers, STEMCO states that the TrailerTail® top panel is mounted 1.5—3.5 inches below the roof of the trailer in order to comply with the FMVSS No. 108 and FMCSR mounting location requirements for rear

identification and clearance lamps. However, STEMCO states:

This inset creates an un-aerodynamic gap as airflow transitions from the trailer roof onto the TrailerTail panels and has prevented TrailerTails from delivering the maximum available fuel economy benefit. Wind tunnel flow visualization highlights the contrast in airflow between flush and inset panels and our own internal testing estimates an additional 0.14 delta C<sub>D</sub>A (measured drag area) gain and 70 million gallons of annual diesel fuel savings can be achieved simply by installing TrailerTails flush with the trailer roof. In order to evaluate the actual performance of flush mounted TrailerTail aerodynamic systems on actual fleet based fuel economy, it is necessary to request relief from the location requirements for upper identification lamps and rear clearance lamps on commercial van trailers and box trucks. Additionally, these lower clearance and identification lamp locations will pave the way for the commercial launch of collapsible boat tails for roll door box trailers, where the rear upper header is a critical mounting location of boat tail components.

In support of its application, STEMCO states that “The relocation of the rear identification lamps and rear clearance lamps to a lower location on the trailer or box truck are equivalent to the current required lamp location on a flatbed trailer or intermodal chassis, so no safety impact is anticipated.” In addition, according to the application:

STEMCO believes that there will be no safety impact from the relocation of both the rear identification lamps and the rear clearance lamps to a location on an approximate horizontal plane with other rear lamps. NHTSA issued legal interpretations from 1968 until approximately 1999 to trailer manufacturers to allow the lower mounting location for rear identification lamps and rear clearance lamps when there was no “practicable” means of installing the lamps “as close as practicable to the top of the vehicle.” NHTSA subsequently issued an interpretative rule on April 5, 1999, 64 FR 16358, suggesting that trailer manufacturers could no longer mount lamps at the lower location as narrow lamps were now readily available, and NHTSA would no longer defer to a manufacturer’s subjective determination of practicability for locating lamps in the rear upper header location on van trailers and box trucks. However, NHTSA noted in that same Notice that they did not intend to bring enforcement actions based on this interpretive rule immediately. Subsequently, trailer manufacturers continued to manufacture van trailers and box trucks with the rear identification lamps and rear clearance lamps mounted lower on the vehicles on an approximate horizontal plane with the other required lamps.”

STEMCO states that without the exemption, it will be unable to verify fleet performance of a higher performance TrailerTail® design that is expected to provide the maximum available fuel economy benefit that may

be necessary in order to meet future fuel efficiency requirements.

### Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on STEMCO's application for an exemption from 49 CFR 393.11. All comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated at the beginning of this notice will be considered and will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Comments received after the comment closing date will be filed in the public docket and will be considered to the extent practicable. In addition to late comments, FMCSA will continue to file relevant information in the public docket that becomes available after the comment closing date. Interested persons should continue to examine the public docket for new material.

Issued on: June 2, 2016.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket ID PHMSA-2016-0059]

#### Pipeline Safety: Public Workshop on Public Awareness

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is announcing a one-day public workshop PHMSA is sponsoring on public awareness to bring pipeline safety stakeholders together to review the findings from the joint Public Awareness Program Working Group's (PAPWG) Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) Report and explore future actions that can be taken to expand public awareness and stakeholder engagement efforts. Various stakeholders, including federal and state regulators, industry, pipeline operators, public, emergency response officials, local public officials, land planners, and excavators, will engage to strengthen pipeline safety public awareness.

**DATES:** The workshop will be held on July 13, 2016. The workshop will take place from 8:00 a.m. until

approximately 5:00 p.m. central time. The workshop will be webcasted live and recorded for pipeline safety stakeholders who are unable to travel to the workshop.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop will be held in Chicago, IL. The meeting location in Chicago and the hotel information will be provided on the meeting Web site at <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=114&nocache=5719> in the near future. The meeting room location will be posted on the day of the workshop.

**Registration:** Members of the public may attend this free workshop. To help assure that adequate space is provided, all attendees, both in person and by webcast, should register in advance for the workshop at the PHMSA Public Meeting Web site at: <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=114&nocache=5719>. The meeting agenda will be posted and updated on the registration site. On-site registration will also be available for those attending in person starting at 7:00 a.m. central time. All workshop presentations will be available on the meeting registration Web site within 15 days following the workshop.

**Comments:** Members of the public may submit written comments either before or after the workshop. Comments should reference Docket No. PHMSA-2016-0059. Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- **E-Gov Web site:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **Fax:** 1-202-493-2251.
- **Mail:** Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

**Hand Delivery:** DOT Docket Management System, Room W12-140, on the ground floor of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Instructions:** Identify the docket number (PHMSA-2016-0059) at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, submit two copies. If you wish to receive confirmation that PHMSA has received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**Note:** Comments will be posted without changes or edits to <http://www.regulations.gov> including any personal

information provided. Please see the Privacy Act statement below for additional information.

### Privacy Act Statement

Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received for any of our dockets. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477) or visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

### Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, please contact Dr. Christie Murray, Director, Program Development Division, PHMSA, at (202) 366-4996 or by email at [Christie.Murray@dot.gov](mailto:Christie.Murray@dot.gov) no later than July 8, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Christie Murray, Director, Program Development Division, PHMSA, at 202-366-4996 or by email at [Christie.Murray@dot.gov](mailto:Christie.Murray@dot.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Stakeholders are encouraged to review the PAPWG SWOT Report prior to the workshop. The PAPWG SWOT Report is available at: <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/comm/publicawareness/docs/PAPWG%20SWOT%20Analysis%20Report-FINAL%2005-16-16.pdf>.

The Federal pipeline safety regulations (49 CFR 192.616 and 49 CFR 195.440) require pipeline operators to develop and implement public awareness programs that follow the guidance provided by the API RP 1162, 1st Edition, "Public Awareness Programs for Pipeline Operators" (incorporated by reference in the pipeline safety regulations 49 CFR 192.616 and 49 CFR 195.440). Pipeline operators are required to implement public awareness programs that provide pipeline safety information to the affected public, emergency response officials, local public officials, and excavators. Implementing and improving public awareness programs allows pipeline stakeholders an opportunity to address pipeline safety concerns, such as third party damages, in a proactive manner.

The PAPWG was a collaborative stakeholder work group comprised of myriad pipeline safety stakeholders. The PAPWG was established in September 2013. The mission of the PAPWG was to review pipeline safety public awareness data and information from various sources, identify relevant topical review areas, perform SWOT