

use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

Pursuant to ITAR § 120.4, the commodity jurisdiction procedure may be used to request the Department's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls to provide a determination of whether a particular article or service is covered by the U.S. Munitions List (USML). Form DS-4076 is the means by which respondents may submit this request. Information submitted via Form DS-4076 will be shared with the Departments of War, Commerce, and other USG agencies, as needed, during the CJ determination review process. Determinations will be made on a case-by-case basis based on the commodity's form, fit, function, performance capability, and design history.

Methodology

Respondents must generally submit the DS-4076 electronically through DDTC's electronic system. Respondents may access the DS-4076 on DDTC's website, www.pmdotc.state.gov, under "Commodity Jurisdictions (CJs)." Respondents who are unable to access DDTC's website may mail a signed DS-4076, along with a brief cover letter explaining their inability to file the electronic DS-4076, to the Office of Defense Trade Controls Policy, Department of State, 2401 E St. NW, Suite H1304, Washington, DC 20522.

Michael J. Vaccaro,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 12907]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Eligibility Questionnaire for HAVANA Act Payments

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for

approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Submit comments up to February 17, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Carolina Linares, who may be reached on 771-205-0612 or at ahicct@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Eligibility Questionnaire for HAVANA Act Payments.
 - *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0250.
 - *Type of Request:* Renewal of a Currently Approved Collection.
 - *Originating Office:* PERT, Office of Employee Relations, Employee Benefits and Assistance Division, Employee Assistance Branch (PERT/ER/EBA/EA).
 - *Form Number:* DS-4316.
 - *Respondents:* Department of State employees, former employees, and their dependents, and the qualified physicians whom they have consulted.
 - *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 30.
 - *Estimated Number of Responses:* 30.
 - *Average Time per Response:* 30 minutes.
 - *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 32.5 hours.
 - *Frequency:* On occasion.
 - *Obligation To Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.
- We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:
- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
 - Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
 - Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

On October 8, 2021, the "Helping American Victims Affected by Neurological Attacks" (HAVANA) Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-46) was signed into law. In this statute, Congress authorized federal agencies to make payments to affected current employees, former employees, and their dependents for qualifying injuries to the brain. The DS-4316 provides the required medical substantiation for claims filed pursuant to the HAVANA Act and the Department's rules (22 CFR part 135). On December 18, 2025, section 5604 of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2026 changed the definition of qualifying injury to the brain to include such injuries occurring on or after September 11, 2001. The DS-4316 has been amended accordingly.

Methodology

An individual wishing to make a claim under the HAVANA Act will fill out the "Patient Demographics" portion of the DS-4316 and provide it to a U.S. board certified physician as defined in the Department rules. The physician will complete the form after examining the individual and reviewing their records and will fax or email the completed form to the Department.

Andrew L. Flashberg,

Acting Employee Relations Office Director, Bureau of Personnel and Training, U.S. Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36863]

South Central Florida Express, Inc.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Florida East Coast Railway, LLC

South Central Florida Express, Inc. (SCFE) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7) for after-the-fact exemption authority to renew, and to revise, certain overhead and local trackage rights previously granted to it by the Florida East Coast

Railway Company (FEC), now known as Florida East Coast Railway, LLC (FECR).¹ SCFE states that its overhead trackage rights extend over FECR's line of railroad between milepost K-0.0 near Ft. Pierce, Fla., and milepost K-15.0, and that its local trackage rights extend between milepost K-15.0 and milepost K-70.9, at or near Lake Harbor, Fla. (the Line).

According to the verified notice, SCFE originally acquired the trackage rights from FEC in 1998.² SCFE states, however, that, in 2016, as the end of the 20-year term of its initial 1998 agreement approached, FECR³ and SCFE entered into a first amendment to the parties' trackage rights agreement, effective December 6, 2016 (the First Amendment). According to SCFE, the First Amendment extended the term of the trackage rights agreement and modified the rights granted to SCFE. Specifically, under the First Amendment, (1) SCFE was granted nonexclusive local trackage rights to operate its trains carrying certain carload products, operated by SCFE's crews, over the Line; (2) SCFE's local trackage rights would include the right to develop new customers between milepost K-15.0 and milepost 70.9; and (3) SCFE's use of the Line would be in common with FECR and other users permitted by FECR, along with other conditions. SCFE notes, however, that due to an inadvertent error, SCFE did not seek exemption authority for the renewal of the trackage rights in 2016. SCFE states that it now seeks after-the-fact authority to correct its error.⁴

The transaction may be consummated on or after January 29, 2026, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the acquisition of the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk &*

Western Railway—Trackage Rights—Burlington Northern, Inc., 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Railway—Lease & Operate—California Western Railroad*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than January 22, 2026 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36863, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board's website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on SCFE's representative, Thomas W. Wilcox, Law Office of Thomas W. Wilcox, LLC, 1629 K Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006.

According to SCFE, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c)(3) and from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b)(3).

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: January 8, 2026.

By the Board, Anika S. Cooper, Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.

Kenyatta Clay,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36875]

Mason Railroad, Inc.—Acquisition Exemption—L. Neill Cartage Co., Inc.

Mason Railroad, Inc. (MRR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from L. Neill Cartage Co., Inc. (Cartage), and operate approximately 665 feet of rail line located at a transload facility owned by Cartage in Bedford Park, Ill. (the Line).¹ The Line has no mileposts.

According to the verified notice, the Line is used in conjunction with interchanging boxcar loads of bulk commodities (such as paper and

packaging-related materials, lumber, and polystyrene) to and from the Belt Railway Company of Chicago. The verified notice further states that MRR and Cartage have reached an agreement for MRR to operate over the Line and conduct transloading operations.

The transaction may be consummated on or after January 29, 2026, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

MRR certifies that its projected annual revenues will not exceed those that would qualify it as a Class III rail carrier. MRR also certifies that the transaction does not involve any provision that would prohibit or limit future interchange with any third-party connecting carrier.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than January 22, 2026 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36875, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing on the Board's website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on MRR's representative, Max Callahan, Fulcrum Rail, 180 North Wacker Drive, Suite 400, Chicago, IL 60606.

According to PRR, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: January 8, 2026.

By the Board, Anika S. Cooper, Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel.

Tammy Lowery,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36874]

Proviso Railroad, Inc.—Acquisition Exemption—L. Neill Cartage Co., Inc.

Proviso Railroad, Inc. (PRR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire from L. Neill Cartage Co., Inc.

¹ SCFE initially submitted its verified notice of exemption on November 18, 2025. However, by decision served on December 17, 2025, SCFE was directed to submit supplemental information to correct certain errors and omissions identified in its verified notice of exemption. SCFE filed the requested supplemental information on December 30, 2025. Therefore, December 30, 2025, is considered the filing date for SCFE's verified notice and is the basis for all dates in this notice of exemption.

² See *S. Cent. Fla. Express, Inc.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Fla. E. Coast Ry.*, FD 33562 (STB served Mar. 11, 1998). The Board's 1998 notice of exemption identified the endpoint for SCFE's local trackage rights as milepost K-70.4. SCFE confirmed in its December 30, 2025 supplemental filing that the endpoint of the Line is milepost K-70.9.

³ SCFE states that, upon FEC's merger with FECR, FECR was assigned FEC's obligations under the agreement.

⁴ SCFE states that it is not necessarily seeking retroactive authority.

¹ MRR supplemented its initial December 4, 2025 filing on December 29 and 30, 2025. The date of MRR's second supplement, December 30, 2025, is therefore considered the filing date of the verified notice.