

ODA Unit Members (UMs) and administrators must complete the required ethics training within 60 business days after the Organizational Management Team (OMT) approves the ODA's revised Procedures Manual incorporating ethics training, and annually thereafter, in order to continue exercising the functions and responsibilities delegated under the ODA." The FAA agrees to clarify this requirement. The FAA restructured paragraphs 5.b.(1) through (3) to state that an ODA holder's revised procedures manual must specify when existing ODA UMs and administrators must complete initial ethics training, when newly appointed ODA UMs and administrators must complete initial ethics training, and that the ODA UM or administrator must have completed the ethics training in the previous 12 months to meet the annual ethics training requirements. The ODA holder's revised procedures manual must also specify that the initial and annual ethics training requirements must be completed prior to exercising authorized functions and responsibilities under the ODA. This requirement is mandated to ensure compliance with the accountability provisions set forth in the Act.

#### Terms To Identify Training Requirements

A commenter suggested that FAA use terms such as initial qualification, recurrent qualification, requalification, or transition training to designate ethics training.

The FAA does not agree with the request. Integrating new terms to designate ODA holder training requirements is beyond the scope of Notice N 8100.20.

#### Clarifications and Consistency

Multiple commenters requested that FAA clarify the meaning of "annually" as it relates to training intervals. The FAA agrees to clarify the language. The FAA revised the relevant language to specify "in the previous 12 months prior" rather than "annually thereafter" to clarify the intended interval for recurring training requirements.

One commenter requested that FAA clarify the term "code of ethics." The FAA agrees and has revised the language to specify that the code of ethics must specify that safety is of the highest priority.

Multiple commenters requested that FAA clarify the requirements for training on professionalism and for promoting a clear understanding among ODA UMs and administrators of the purpose and procedures associated with

Safety Management Systems (SMS). The commenters noted that training on "professionalism" is duplicated in Notice N 8100.20. Commenters also sought to distinguish the training requirements as they relate to an ODA holder's SMS. The commenters requested that FAA clarify whether training should address the requirements of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 5, for ODA holders required to have an SMS, or the provisions of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Safety Management Manual (SMM) (Doc 9859), or any successor edition, for ODA holders not required to have an SMS.

The FAA agrees to clarify. The FAA revised the Notice to remove the duplicate reference to "professionalism" and to clarify the training requirements. The revised language requires that training promotes a clear understanding among ODA UMs and administrators regarding the purpose and procedures associated with SMS. Additionally, the training must also address the provisions of the third edition of the ICAO Safety Management Manual (Doc 9859), or any successor edition.

Several commenters requested that FAA clarify training requirements for reporting safety concerns. The FAA agrees to provide clarification and, in response, has revised Notice N 8100.20 to reference the applicable requirements of 14 CFR 183.63 and 14 CFR 183.65.

One commenter observed that the requirement for ODAs to report training completion for existing ODA UMs and administrators is redundant. The commenter reasoned that training completion is already addressed through standard OMT surveillance in FAA Order 8100.15. The FAA agrees and has revised Notice N 8100.20 to remove the seventh bullet from paragraph 8 that would have required the completion date of ODA holder training to be submitted to the ODA Office via the OMT Data Portal.

#### SMS Resources

One commenter requested additional resources to assist in developing the SMS components of the ethics training. Technical content is available on [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov) to support ODA holders in the development of their training programs.

#### Editorial Change

FAA corrected a clerical error relating to the implementation timeline in paragraph 7.b of the Notice. The correction changes the number of calendar days from 180 to 194.

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[policies/orders\\_notices](https://policies/orders_notices), on the Dynamic Regulatory System website at <https://drs.faa.gov>, and in the docket.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2026-0100]

#### Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Application for an Exemption From Grote Industries, LLC

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application for exemption; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA extends the comment period for its February 9, 2026, notice requesting public comment on an application from Grote Industries, LLC (Grote) for an exemption from the requirement that exterior lighting devices on commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) be steady-burning. The exemption would allow motor carriers to operate CMVs equipped with auxiliary rear or side lamps that flash or strobe when controlled by Grote's Rear-End Collision Warning system. The Agency finds it is appropriate to extend the comment period to provide interested parties additional time to submit their responses to the notice. Therefore, FMCSA extends the deadline for the submission of comments by 60 days.

**DATES:** The comment period for the notice published February 9, 2026, at 91 FR 5798 is extended by 60 days. Comments must be received on or before May 10, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Docket Number FMCSA-2026-0100 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). See the Public Participation and Request for Comments section below for further information.

- *Mail:* Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W58-213, West Building, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W58-213, West Building, Washington, DC 20590-0001,

between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* (202) 493–2251.

Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number (FMCSA–2026–0100) for this notice. Note that DOT posts all comments received without change to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information included in a comment. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

*Privacy Act:* In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, 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 (Federal Docket Management System (FDMS)), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>. The comments are posted without edit and are searchable by the name of the submitter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David Sutula, Chief, Vehicle and Roadside Operations Division, Office of Carrier, Driver, and Vehicle Safety, FMCSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001; (202) 961–1373; [david.sutula@dot.gov](mailto:david.sutula@dot.gov). If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Dockets Operations at (202) 366–9826.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Public Participation and Request for Comments

FMCSA encourages you to participate by submitting comments and related materials.

#### A. Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA–2026–0100), indicate the specific section of this document to which the comment applies, and provide a reason for suggestions or recommendations. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so the Agency can contact you if it has questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FMCSA-2026-0100-0002>, click “Comment,” and type your comment into the text box on the following screen.

If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing.

FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. Comments received after the comment closing date will be filed in the public docket and will be considered to the extent practicable.

#### B. Confidential Business Information (CBI)

CBI is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to the notice contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to the notice, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Please mark each page of your submission that constitutes CBI as “PROPIN” to indicate it contains proprietary information. FMCSA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the Freedom of Information Act, and they will not be placed in the public docket of the notice. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Brian Dahlin [brian.g.dahlin@dot.gov](mailto:brian.g.dahlin@dot.gov), Chief, Regulatory Evaluation Division, Office of Policy, FMCSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001 or via email at [brian.g.dahlin@dot.gov](mailto:brian.g.dahlin@dot.gov). At this time, you need not send a duplicate hardcopy of your electronic CBI submissions to FMCSA headquarters. Any comments FMCSA receives not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this notice.

#### C. Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as any documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, insert FMCSA–2026–0100 in the keyword box, select the document tab and choose the document to review. To view comments, click this notice, then click “Browse Comments.” If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting Dockets Operations in Room W58–213 of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366–9317 or

(202) 366–9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

### II. Background

On February 9, 2026, FMCSA published in the **Federal Register** a notice requesting public comment on an application from Grote for an exemption from the requirement that exterior lighting devices on CMVs be steady-burning, with a comment deadline of March 11, 2026 (91 FR 5798). The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) filed a comment to the public docket requesting that the comment period be extended by 60 days. CVSA stated that the extension of time would allow its membership to discuss the proposed exemption request during CVSA’s 2026 Workshop, which is scheduled for April 19–23, 2026.

The Agency finds it is appropriate to extend the comment period to provide interested parties additional time to submit their responses to the notice. Accordingly, FMCSA extends the comment period until May 10, 2026.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2026–0232]

### Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides the public notice that the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) petitioned FRA seeking approval to discontinue or modify a signal system.

**DATES:** FRA must receive comments on the petition by April 3, 2026. FRA will consider comments received after that date to the extent practicable.

#### ADDRESSES:

*Comments:* Comments related to this docket may be submitted by going to <https://www.regulations.gov> and following the online instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name and docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>; this includes any personal information. Please see the