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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

Submit written data, views, or arguments on the proposed TSO to the above address. Before and after the comment closing date, you can examine comments received in Room 815, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB-10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, weekdays except Federal holidays, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Before issuing the final TSO, the director of the Aircraft Certification Service will consider all comments received on or before the closing date for comments.

##### Background

This proposed TSO prescribes the minimum standards for airborne equipment. It supports ADS-B using UAT equipment operating on the frequency of 978 MHz. ADS-B is a system by which aircraft and certain equipped surface vehicles can share position, velocity, and other information with one another (and with ground-based facilities such as air traffic services) via radio broadcast techniques. UAT is a multipurpose aeronautical datalink system to support not only ADS-B, but also Flight Information Service-Broadcast (FIS-B), Traffic Information Service-Broadcast (TIS-B), and supplementary ranging and positioning capabilities. This TSO supports two major classes of UAT equipment: Class A and Class B equipment. Class A equipment combines a broadcast and receive subsystem. Class B equipment supports broadcast only.

##### How To Obtain Copies

You can download a copy of proposed TSO-C154a from the FAA Web site at: <http://www.airweb.faa.gov/rgl>. At the Web page, select "Technical Standard Orders (TSO) and Index." At the TSO page, select "Proposed TSOs." For a paper copy of the proposed TSO, or for further assistance, contact the person listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2005-20140]

##### Notice of Request for Clearance of a New Information Collection: Best Motor Carrier Safety Management Technology Practices

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

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirement in section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), this notice announces the intention of the FMCSA to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of a new information collection related to a study of how information technology is being used to improve safety management in the motor carrier industry. This study is one element in a larger, multi-year study of the safety and financial performance of the motor carrier industry by commodity segment. This Motor Carrier Industry Profile Study is being performed by the University of Maryland on behalf of the FMCSA.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 26, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** All signed, written comments should refer to the docket number that appears in the heading of this document and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard or envelope.

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Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the

comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Dale Sienicki, Program Manager, Industry Profile Study, (202) 366-1961, Office of Information Management, Analysis Division, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 400 7th Street SW., Suite 8214, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Motor Carrier Industry Profile.

**Background:** The FMCSA is responsible for enhancing the safety of motor carrier operations and the nation's highway system through fair, uniform and consistent enforcement of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and applicable Hazardous Materials Regulations, and through other innovative programmatic approaches. A complicating factor is the sheer size and diversity of the motor carrier industry, and a less than thorough understanding of its diversity. Detailed information about the safety performance differences among segments, and the practices, policies, and programs undertaken by safety leaders within each segment will assist FMCSA in its policy and program development and improve the safety of the industry. This project is being conducted on behalf of FMCSA through a cooperative agreement with the University of Maryland's Smith School of Business.

This project is being conducted in three phases as follows:

**Phase 1** (now completed) involved three analyses of the motor carrier industry segmented into its major components. The first analysis consisted of developing financial and operating performance profiles for each of the 13 for-hire commodity segments (Refrigerated; Bulk Materials—Non Tank; Tank Carriers, Moving/Household Goods; Building Materials; Heavy Equipment, General Freight Truck-Load (subdivided into small, medium and large-sized carriers), General Freight Less-Than-Truck-Load, and Other Specialized (subdivided into small, medium and large-sized carriers). The second analysis evaluated detailed safety performance data for 10 commodity segments, including Building Materials, Moving/Household Goods, General Freight (TL and LTL),

Heavy Equipment, Produce, Intermodal, Passenger, Refrigerated (non-produce), Tank Carriers and Bulk Materials Carriers. Each commodity segment was subdivided into its for-hire and private components, and each of the 30 segments was evaluated on recent crash, vehicle, driver and safety management factors. The third analysis combined the financial and safety performance data from the first two analyses to create a profile of the financial and safety performance relationship. Correlation coefficients were calculated for various financial-safety performance measures, and each correlation coefficient was calculated for various financial-safety performance measures and tested for its statistical significance. Phase 1 results are located on the FMCSA Analysis and Information (A&I) online Web site (<http://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov>) under "Analysis Results and Reports."

The safety performance results from Phase 1 provided the basis for Phase 2 of this study (also complete).

*Phase 2 of the study* is an investigation of the safety programs, policies, and procedures undertaken by safety leaders in each commodity segment (commonly known as the "Best Practices" Study). Phase 2 included individual interviews with several safety leaders in each segment. Detailed information was collected on driver screening and hiring practices, pre-service and in-service training procedures, incentive awards programs and vehicle maintenance policies. Phase 2 results are also located on FMCSA's A&I Web site (<http://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov>) under Analysis Results and Reports."

*Phase 3:* Results from Phase 2 are being shared with FMCSA safety investigators and disseminated to many carriers within the industry, including new entrants and poor performers. Specifically, copies of the "Best Practices" final report were provided to national-level industry associations and FMCSA field offices. Summarized brochures have been developed for distribution to the associations, FMCSA field offices, and new entrants upon initial registration with FMCSA. The hope is that these new motor carriers will incorporate these practices into their own safety management programs while they are still in the development stage. Additionally, FMCSA hopes to incorporate the results in material provided at compliance reviews, so that carriers who rate poorly have access to specific, concrete examples of how to revise or improve their safety management programs.

As part of Phase 3, FMCSA and the University of Maryland will seek more detailed information from the motor

carrier industry on how technology is being used to improve safety management. FMCSA and the University of Maryland propose to send questionnaires to approximately 1,000 of the largest for-hire and private carriers in the United States. The University of Maryland will also post the questionnaires on-line so that the selected carriers can complete the survey via the Internet, if desired.

*Respondents:* The total number of respondents is 1,000. The respondents will be the ten largest for-hire and private motor carriers in each State.

*Average Burden Per Response:* The estimated average burden per response is 45 minutes. Estimated Total Annual Burden: The estimated total annual burden is 750 hours (1,000 questionnaires interviews  $\times$  45 minutes per response/60 minutes = 750 hours).

*Frequency:* Once.

*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 FMCSA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB clearance of this information collection.

*Authority:* The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; Pub. L. 106-159, 113 Stat. 1748 (December 9, 1999); and 49 CFR 1.73.

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Annette M. Sandberg,

Administrator.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information

Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period was published on August 13, 2004 [FR Doc. 04-18536, Vol. 69, No. 156, Pages 50234-50235].

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 28, 2005.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christina Morgan at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Budget (NPO-321), 202-366-2562, 400 Seventh Street, SW., 5208V, Washington, DC 20590.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

*Title:* The Impact of LATCH on Child Restraint Use.

*OMB Number:* 2127—New.

*Type of Request:* Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

*Abstract:* The data will provide information on the impact of Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children (LATCH) on child safety seat use. Specifically, NHTSA will find out if consumers are using the LATCH system to install child safety seats, if they are easy to install, and the percentage that are being installed correctly. The evaluation is required under Executive Order 12866.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 832 hours.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer.

*Comments are invited on:* Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.