FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: 60-Day Public Comment Request

AGENCY:  Federal Maritime Commission.

ACTION:  Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY:  As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Maritime Commission (Commission) invites comments on the continuing information collections listed below in this notice.

DATES:  Written comments must be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES:  Submit comments for the proposed information collection requests to Karen V. Gregory, Managing Director at email: omd@fmc.gov. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number on any correspondence submitted. The FMC will summarize comments received in response to this notice in a subsequent notice and include them in its information collection submission to OMB for approval.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:  Copies of the information collections and instructions, or copies of any comments received, may be obtained by contacting Donna Lee on email at dlee@fmc.gov or 202-523-5900.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the continuing information collections listed in this notice, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).
Comments submitted in response to this notice will be included or summarized in our request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the relevant information collection. All comments are part of the public record and subject to disclosure. Please do not include any confidential or inappropriate material in your comments. We invite comments on: (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency’s functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Information Collections Open for Comment

Title: 46 CFR Part 525 – Marine Terminal Operator Schedules and Related Form FMC-1.

OMB Approval Number: 3072-0061 (Expires January 31, 2021).

Abstract: Section 8(f) of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. 40501(f), provides that a marine terminal operator (MTO) may make available to the public a schedule of its rates, regulations, and practices, including limitations of liability for cargo loss or damage, pertaining to receiving, delivering, handling, or storing property at its marine terminal. The Commission’s rules governing MTO schedules are set forth at 46 CFR Part 525.

Current Actions: There are no changes to this information collection, and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension.

Needs and Uses: The Commission uses information obtained from Form FMC-1 to determine the organization name, organization number, home office address, name and telephone number of the firm’s representatives and the location of MTO schedules of rates, regulations and
practices, and publisher, should the MTOs determine to make their schedules available to the public, as set forth in section 8(f) of the Shipping Act.

**Frequency:** This information is collected prior to an MTO’s commencement of its marine terminal operations.

**Type of Respondents:** Persons operating as MTOs.

**Number of Annual Respondents:** The Commission estimates the respondent universe at 30, of which 15 opt to make their schedules available to the public.

**Estimated Time Per Response:** The time per response for completing Form FMC-1 averages 0.5 person hours, and approximately 5 person-hours for related MTO schedules.

**Total Annual Burden:** The Commission estimates the total person-hour burden at 90 person-hours.

**Title:** 46 CFR Part 520 – Carrier Automated Tariffs and Related Form FMC-1.

**OMB Approval Number:** 3072-0064 (Expires February 28, 2021).

**Abstract:** Except with respect to certain specified commodities, section 8(a) of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. 40501(a)-(c), requires that each common carrier and conference shall keep open to public inspection, in an automated tariff system, tariffs showing its rates, charges, classifications, rules, and practices between all ports and points on its own route and on any through transportation route that has been established. In addition, individual carriers or agreements among carriers are required to make available in tariff format certain enumerated essential terms of their service contracts. 46 U.S.C. 40502. The Commission is responsible for reviewing the accessibility and accuracy of automated tariff systems, in accordance with its regulations set forth at 46 CFR Part 520.

**Current Actions:** There are no changes to this information collection, and it is being submitted for extension purposes only
Type of Review: Extension.

Needs and Uses: The Commission uses information obtained from Form FMC-1 to ascertain the location of common carrier and conference tariff publications, and to access their provisions regarding rules, rates, charges and practices.

Frequency: This information is collected when common carriers or conferences publish tariffs.

Type of Respondents: Persons desiring to operate as common carriers or conferences.

Number of Annual Respondents: The Commission estimates there are 6,035 Carrier Automated Tariffs. It is estimated that the number of annual respondents will be 1,880.

Estimated Time Per Response: The time per response ranges from 0.1 to 2 person-hours for reporting and recordkeeping requirements contained in the rules, and 0.5 person-hours for completing Form FMC-1.

Total Annual Burden: The Commission estimates the total person-hour burden at 2,479 person-hours.

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Secretary.

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