



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2026-2476]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Renewal of an Approved Information

Collection: Emergency Exemptions Under 49 CFR 390.25

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval and invites public comment. This notice invites comments on the renewal of an approved information collection titled “Emergency Exemptions Under 49 CFR 390.25,” (OMB Control No. 2126-007) which is currently due to expire on January 31, 2027.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket Number FMCSA-2026-2476 using any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: Dockets Operations; U.S. Department of Transportation, W58-213, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- Hand Delivery or Courier: Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, W58-213, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, 20590-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal

holidays.

- Fax: (202) 493-2251.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathryn Sinniger, Regulatory Law Division, Office of the Chief Counsel, FMCSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001; kathryn.sinniger@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Instructions:

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

Public Participation and Request for Comments:

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA-2026-2476), indicate the specific section of this document to which your comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. 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 FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FMCSA-2026-2476/document>, click on this notice, 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.

Privacy Act:

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its regulatory process. DOT posts these comments, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov as described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL 14 (Federal Docket Management System (FDMS)), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notice>. The comments are posted without edits and are searchable by the name of the submitter.

Background:

Section 390.23 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), automatically creates a 14-day exemption from the hours of service regulations, found in 49 CFR 395.3 and 395.5, when a Governor, or FMCSA, issues a declaration of an *emergency*, as defined in §§ 390.5 and 390.5T, and a motor carrier or driver provides direct assistance to supplement State and local emergency relief efforts in response to that emergency, as those terms are defined in §§ 390.5 and 390.5T. Section 390.25 provides a means for an individual, motor carrier, or State seeking an extension or modification of an emergency exemption to make that request in writing to an identified email address. Additionally, § 390.25(b) allows FMCSA to place reporting requirements on any individual or motor carrier operating under the terms of an extended or modified emergency exemption. In both cases, the information is used by FMCSA to determine whether the emergency exemption is still needed, or if it can be modified to limit its scope.

This ICR supports the DOT strategic goal of safety and organizational excellence by ensuring that the exemptions from the regulations are limited to those that are necessary to support

immediate direct assistance in the wake of an emergency declaration.

Title: Emergency Exemptions Under 49 CFR 390.25.

OMB Control Number: 2126-0077.

Type of Request: Renewal

Respondents: Individuals, motor carriers, or States seeking an extension or modification of an emergency exemption, or who may be required to comply with reporting requirements under an extended or modified emergency exemption.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25 extension and modification requests per year.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Expiration Date: January 31, 2027.

Frequency of Response: As needed.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,437.

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 ICR.

Issued under the authority of 49 CFR 1.87.

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Office of Research and Registration.*

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