

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of New Approval of Information Collection: Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA) Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) Program**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for a new information collection. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on April 30, 2019. FAA received two comments to this notice. The collection involves a request that airplane operators subject to the applicability of Annex 16, Volume IV of the Convention on Civil Aviation (hereinafter the “Chicago Convention”) submit electronically an Emissions Monitoring Plan (EMP) and an annual Emissions Report (ER) to the FAA. The information to be collected is necessary because FAA will use the information to fulfill the United States’ responsibilities under the Chicago Convention.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by January 17, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/FAA, and sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov, or faxed to (202) 395-6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th St. NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA’s performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality

of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB’s clearance of this information collection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 2120-XXXX.

Title: Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA) Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) Program.

Form Numbers: Not applicable.

Type of Review: Clearance of a new information collection.

Background: The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on April 30, 2019 (84 FR 18,334). FAA received two comments in response to this notice.

The CORSIA MRV Program is a voluntary program for certain U.S. air carriers and commercial operators (collectively referred hereinafter as “operators”) to submit certain airplane CO₂ emissions data to the FAA to enable the United States to establish uniformity with ICAO Standards And Recommended Practices (SARPs) for CORSIA, which were adopted in June 2018, as Annex 16, Volume IV to the Chicago Convention. The United States supported the decision to adopt the CORSIA SARPs based on the understanding that CORSIA is the exclusive market-based measure applying to international aviation, and that CORSIA will ensure fair and reciprocal commercial competition by avoiding a patchwork of country- or regionally-based regulatory measures that are inconsistently applied, bureaucratically costly, and economically damaging. Furthermore, continued U.S. support for CORSIA assumes a high level of participation by other countries, particularly by countries with significant aviation activity, as well as a final CORSIA package that is acceptable to, and implementable by, the United States.

Under CORSIA, all ICAO Member States whose airplane operators undertake international flights will need to develop a MRV system for CO₂ emissions from those international flights starting January 1, 2019. The FAA’s CORSIA MRV Program is intended to be the United States’ MRV system for monitoring, reporting, and verification of U.S. airplane operator CO₂ emissions from international flights.

Operators that are subject to the applicability of CORSIA will submit their EMPs and ERs electronically.¹ Both documents use Microsoft Excel-based templates and can be transmitted via email or uploaded to a web portal. EMPs that are submitted by operators will be used as a collaborative tool between the operator and FAA to document a given operator’s chosen fuel use monitoring procedures. FAA will retain a copy of the EMP and will share with ICAO a list of operators that submit EMPs. FAA will not submit any specific EMPs from U.S. operators to ICAO. Large operators, *i.e.*, those emitting 500,000 metric tons or more of CO₂ per year, will gather data through a “fuel use monitoring method.” Small operators, *i.e.*, those emitting less than 500,000 metric tons of CO₂ per year, can use a simplified monitoring method. Annual ERs that are submitted to FAA by operators and verifiers will be used to document each operators’ international emissions. FAA will use the ERs to calculate aggregated emissions data for all U.S. operators. FAA will submit the aggregated emissions data to ICAO to demonstrate U.S. implementation of CORSIA.

Respondents: Respondents will be airplane operators subject to the applicability of Annex 16, Volume IV of the Chicago Convention. From the outset, FAA expects between 11 and 49 operators to submit an EMP and ER. Some additional operators could submit an EMP and ER over time based on their international aviation activities.

Frequency: An EMP is a one-time submission. An ER is an annual submission.

Estimated Average Burden per Response:

- For an EMP (one-time submission), FAA expects that filling and submitting an EMP could on average take approximately 22.5 hours.
- For an ER (annual submission), FAA expects that the reporting burden could be approximately 60 and 17.5 hours per operator for operators using

¹ CORSIA applies to airplane operators that produce annual CO₂ emissions greater than 10,000 tonnes (*i.e.*, 10,000 metric tons) from international flights, excluding emissions from excluded flights. The following activities are excluded CORSIA:

- Domestic flights;
- Humanitarian, medical, and firefighting operations, including flight(s) preceding or following a humanitarian, medical, or firefighting flight provided such flight(s) were conducted with the same airplane, were required to accomplish the related humanitarian, medical, or firefighting activities or to reposition thereafter the airplane for its next activity;
- Operations using an airplane with a maximum certificated take-off mass equal to or less than 5,700 kg;
- Operations on behalf of the military.

a Fuel Use Monitoring Method and operators using a simplified Monitoring Method respectively.

Estimated Total Annual Burden:

Based on the above, FAA expects that the annual submission of an EMP and ER could take approximately 33.5 to 107.5 hours for each of the 11 to 49 operators.

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Rebecca Cointin,

Director (Acting), Office of Environment and Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2019-0255]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Renewal of an Approved Information Collection: Training Certification for Drivers of Longer Combination Vehicles

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

ACTION: Notice; 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 approval and invites public comment. FMCSA requests approval to renew the ICR titled "Training Certification for Drivers of Longer Combination Vehicles (LCVs)," OMB Control No. 2126-0026. This ICR relates to Agency requirements for drivers to be certified to operate LCVs, and associated recordkeeping requirements that motor carriers must satisfy before permitting their drivers to operate LCVs. Motor carriers, upon inquiry by authorized Federal, State or local officials, must produce an LCV Driver-Training Certificate for each of their LCV drivers.

DATES: We must receive your comments on or before February 18, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Federal Docket Management System Number FMCSA-2019-0255 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200

New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *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 <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

- *Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets, or go to the street address listed above.

- *Privacy Act:* In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.dot.gov/privacy.

- *Public Participation:* The Federal eRulemaking Portal is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. You can obtain electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines under the "help" section of the Federal eRulemaking Portal website. If you want us to notify you that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard, or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments online. Comments received after the comment closing date will be included in the docket and will be considered to the extent practicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Pearlie Robinson, Driver and Carrier Operations Division, DOT, FMCSA, West Building 6th Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-4325. Email: MCPSD@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

An LCV is any combination of a truck-tractor and two or more semi-trailers or trailers that operates on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways (according to 23 CFR 470.107) and has a gross vehicle weight greater than 80,000 pounds. To enhance the

safety of LCV operations on our Nation's highways, Section 4007(b) of the Motor Carrier Act of 1991 directed the Secretary of Transportation to establish Federal minimum training requirements for drivers of LCVs [Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), Public Law 102-240, 105 Stat. 1914, 2152]. The Secretary of Transportation delegated responsibility for establishing these requirements to FMCSA (49 CFR 1.87), and on March 30, 2004, after appropriate notice and solicitation of public comment, FMCSA established the current training requirements for operators of LCVs (69 FR 16722). The regulations bar motor carriers from permitting their drivers to operate an LCV if they have not been properly trained in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR 380.113. Drivers receive an LCV Driver-Training Certificate upon successful completion of these training requirements. Motor carriers employing an LCV driver must verify the driver's qualifications to operate an LCV, and must maintain a copy of the LCV Driver-Training Certificate and present it to authorized Federal, State, or local officials upon request.

Renewal of This Information Collection (IC)

The currently approved burden hour estimate associated with this IC, approved by OMB on May 19, 2017, is 5,565 hours. The Agency requests a reduction in the burden hour estimates from 5,565 hours to 4,244 hours. The reduction in burden hour estimates and costs is the result of correcting an error; the incorrect growth rate from the Bureau of Labor Statistics was previously used to estimate the number of new drivers requiring LCV driver training certificates. As a result, FMCSA over-estimated the number of new drivers, annual burden hours, hours for preparing training certificates, number of drivers who undergo the hiring process, number of respondents, number of responses, and costs to respondents.

Separately, the currently approved version of this IC incorrectly accounted for LCV driver training costs, estimated to be \$7,035,160 annually. Training is not considered to be an information collection burden. For this updated version of the ICR, the Agency is removing the costs associated with training. Instead, FMCSA has calculated the labor costs associated with the LCV driver training recordkeeping requirements. The annual cost burden is estimated to be \$135,734.

The expiration date of the current ICR is May 31, 2020. Through this request,