

- Whether the particular product is strategically important or related to “Made in China 2025” or other Chinese industrial programs.

The June 24 notice stated that the U.S. Trade Representative would take into account whether an exclusion would undermine the objective of the Section 301 investigation.

The June 24 notice required submission of requests for exclusion from the \$200 billion action no later than September 30, 2019, and noted that the U.S. Trade Representative periodically would announce decisions. In August 2019, the U.S. Trade Representative granted an initial set of exclusion requests. *See* 84 FR 38717. The U.S. Trade Representative granted additional exclusions in September, October, November and December 2019, and January, February, March, April, May, June and July 2020. *See* 84 FR 49591; 84 FR 57803; 84 FR 61674; 84 FR 65882; 84 FR 69012; 85 FR 549; 85 FR 6674; 85 FR 9921; 85 FR 15015; 85 FR 17158; 85 FR 23122; 85 FR 27489; 85 FR 32094; 85 FR 38000; 85 FR 42968. The Office of the United States Trade Representative regularly updates the status of each pending request on the Exclusions Portal at <https://exclusions.ustr.gov/s/docket?docketNumber=USTR-2019-0005>.

## B. Determination To Grant Certain Exclusions

Based on evaluation of the factors set forth in the June 24 notice, which are summarized above, pursuant to sections 301(b), 301(c), and 307(a) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, and in accordance with the advice of the interagency Section 301 Committee, the U.S. Trade Representative has determined to grant the product exclusions in the Annex to this notice. The U.S. Trade Representative’s determination also takes into account advice from advisory committees and any public comments on the pertinent exclusion requests. As set forth in the Annex, the exclusions are reflected in two specially prepared product descriptions that respond to two exclusion requests. In accordance with the June 24 notice, the exclusions are available for any products that meet the description in the Annex, regardless of whether the importer benefitting from the product exclusion filed an exclusion request. Further, the scope of an exclusion is governed by the scope of the product descriptions in the Annex and not by the product description found in any particular request for exclusion.

## C. Technical Amendments to Exclusions

Paragraph A of the Annex contains eight technical amendments to U.S. note 20(qq)(100), U.S. note 20(ll)(17), and U.S. notes 20(yy)(78)-(83) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS, as set out in the Annexes of the notices published at 84 FR 57803 (October 28, 2019), 85 FR 6674 (February 5, 2020), and 85 FR 27489 (May 8, 2020).

### ANNEX

A. Effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on September 24, 2018, and before August 7, 2020, U.S. note 20(aaa) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) is modified by inserting the following exclusions in numerical order after exclusion (79):

1. (80) Wallets, whether or not with wrist straps, of reinforced plastics, each measuring at least 17.5 cm long by 2 cm wide by 11 cm high and not more than 19 cm long by 2 cm wide by 11 cm high (described in statistical reporting number 4202.32.1000)

2. (81) Mixtures containing N,N-dimethyldodecan-1-amine (CAS No. 112–18–5) and N,N-dimethyltetradecan-1-amine (CAS No. 112–75–4) (described in statistical reporting number 3824.99.9297)

B. Effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on September 24, 2018, subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) is modified:

1. U.S. note 20(qq)(100) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, is modified by deleting “(described in statistical reporting number 9403.20.0050)” and inserting “(described in statistical reporting number 9403.20.0050 or 9403.20.0078)” in lieu thereof.

2. U.S. note 20(ll)(17) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, is modified by deleting “Imitation leather fabrics, of manmade fibers impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with 75 percent polyvinyl chloride (PVC) by weight” and inserting “Imitation leather fabrics, of manmade fibers impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with a minimum of 60% polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and 75% plastics by weight” in lieu thereof.

3. U.S. note 20(yy)(78) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, is modified by deleting “each measuring at least 141 cm but not more than 413 cm in length, at least 67 cm but not more than 179 cm in width and at least 47 cm but not more than 67 cm in height” and inserting “each measuring at least 119 cm but not more than 475 cm in length, at least 56 cm but not more than 206 cm in width and at least 39 cm but not more than 78 cm in height” in lieu thereof.

4. U.S. note 20(yy)(79) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff

Schedule of the United States, is modified by deleting “each measuring at least 105 cm but not more than 146 cm in length, at least 67 cm but not more than 77 cm in width and at least 42 cm but not more than 77 cm in height” and inserting “each measuring at least 89 cm but not more than 168 cm in length, at least 56 cm but not more than 89 cm in width and at least 35 cm but not more than 89 cm in height” in lieu thereof.

5. U.S. note 20(yy)(80) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, is modified by deleting “each measuring at least 83 cm but not more than 240 cm in length, at least 39 cm but not more than 100 cm in width and at least 17 cm but not more than 93 cm in height” and inserting “each measuring at least 70 cm but not more than 276 cm in length, at least 33 cm but not more than 115 cm in width and at least 14 cm but not more than 107 cm in height” in lieu thereof.

6. U.S. note 20(yy)(81) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, is modified by deleting “each measuring at least 67 cm but not more than 608 cm in length, at least 50 cm but not more than 75 cm in width and at least 14 cm but not more than 34 cm in height” and inserting “each measuring at least 56 cm but not more than 700 cm in length, at least 42 cm but not more than 87 cm in width and at least 11 cm but not more than 39 cm in height” in lieu thereof.

7. U.S. note 20(yy)(82) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, is modified by deleting “each measuring at least 47 cm but not more than 75 cm in length, at least 37 cm but not more than 57 cm in width and at least 29 cm but not more than 108 cm in height” and inserting “each measuring at least 39 cm but not more than 87 cm in length, at least 31 cm but not more than 65 cm in width and at least 24 cm but not more than 125 cm in height” in lieu thereof.

8. U.S. note 20(yy)(83) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, is modified by deleting “each measuring at least 88 cm but not more than 217 cm in length, at least 39 cm but not more than 95 cm in width and at least 9 cm but not more than 22 cm in height” and inserting “each measuring at least 74 cm but not more than 250 cm in length, at least 33 cm but not more than 110 cm in width and at least 7 cm but not more than 26 cm in height” in lieu thereof.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2010–0093]

### Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this

document provides the public notice that on August 9, 2020, Virginia & Truckee Railroad Company (VTRR) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 215, Railroad Freight Car Safety Standards. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2010–0093.

Specifically, VTRR seeks to extend its previous special approval under 49 CFR 215.203, *Restricted cars*, and relief from 49 CFR 215.303, *Stenciling of restricted cars*, for three overage freight cars: Caboose V&T 50, open air car V&T 55, and boxcar V&T 54. It also requests to add one car, caboose V&T 25, to the current docket. All cars are owned by VTRR and are not interchanged in regular freight operations with other railroads.

VTRR explains it conducts annual comprehensive shop inspections and detailed center plate inspections and maintains and services the cars in compliance with all applicable regulations with the exception of the relief granted.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested parties desire an opportunity for oral comment and a public hearing, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- **Website:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Fax:** 202–493–2251.
- **Mail:** Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.
- **Hand Delivery:** 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by October 8, 2020 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments

received after that date will be considered if practicable.

Anyone can search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Under 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. DOT posts these comments, without edit, 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), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of *regulations.gov*.

Issued in Washington, DC.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA–2020–0027–N–19]

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, FRA seeks approval of the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below. Before submitting this ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval, FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified in the ICR.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 23, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments and recommendations for the proposed ICR to Ms. Hodan Wells, Information Collection Clearance Officer at email: [hodan.wells@dot.gov](mailto:hodan.wells@dot.gov) or telephone: (202) 493–0440. Please refer to the assigned OMB control number in any correspondence submitted. FRA 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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to provide 60-days’ notice to the public to allow comment on information collection activities before seeking OMB approval of the activities. See 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.8 through 1320.12. Specifically, FRA invites interested parties to comment on the following ICR regarding: (1) Whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FRA’s estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (3) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. See 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1).

FRA believes that soliciting public comment may reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information that Federal regulations mandate. In summary, FRA reasons that comments received will advance three objectives: (1) Reduce reporting burdens; (2) organize information collection requirements in a “user-friendly” format to improve the use of such information; and (3) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce information requested. See 44 U.S.C. 3501.

The summary below describes the ICR that FRA will submit for OMB clearance as the PRA requires:

**Title:** Track Safety Standards; Concrete Crossties.

**OMB Control Number:** 2130–0592.

**Abstract:** In 2011, FRA mandated specific requirements for effective concrete crossties, for rail fastening systems connected to concrete crossties, and for automated inspections of track constructed with concrete crossties. FRA uses the information collected under 49 CFR 213.234 to ensure automated track inspections of track constructed with concrete crossties are carried out as specified in the rule to supplement visual inspections by Class I and Class II railroads, intercity passenger railroads, and commuter railroads.