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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2002-12409]

Petition for Extension of Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by letter dated July 17, 2024, Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to extend the existing waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 238 (Passenger Equipment Safety Standards). The relevant Docket Number is FRA-2002-12409.

Specifically, PATH requests continued relief from § 238.305(c)(10) and (d), *Interior calendar day*

mechanical inspection of passenger cars, and § 238.317(a)(1), *Class II brake test*, for its fleet of passenger vehicles. PATH seeks an extension of its waiver from the requirement that a car must be removed from service on the day following its calendar day interior mechanical inspection and seeks permission for a car to remain in service up to eight calendar days following notification, so the car can be brought to the PATH running repair or main repair facility. In support of this request, PATH states that "due to the confined geography of the system and limited track storage areas, cutting cars from consists . . . cannot be done during the workday without having significant adverse effect upon passenger service."

Further, PATH requests continued relief from the requirement to perform a Class II brake test during specific periods of time at terminal locations. PATH explains that terminal dwell times are less than five minutes and "the [c]onductor does not have adequate time to remain at the rear of the train while the [e]ngineer changes operating position to perform the [b]rake [t]est, and then walk forward to the conductor operating position between the first and second car." In support of its request, PATH states that "the typical train will undergo a Class II test approximately ten times every day."

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at 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 party desires 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Petition for Exemption From the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; American Honda Motor Co., Inc.

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Grant of petition for exemption.

SUMMARY: This document grants in full the American Honda Motor Co., Inc.'s (Honda) petition for exemption from the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard (theft prevention standard) for its Acura (confidential) vehicle line beginning in model year (MY) 2025. The petition is granted because the agency has determined that the antitheft device to be placed on the line as standard equipment is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the theft prevention standard. Honda also requested confidential treatment for specific information in its petition. Therefore, no confidential information provided for purposes of this notice has been disclosed.

DATES: The exemption granted by this notice is effective beginning with the 2025 model year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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