

not believe such a burden would be significant because the fees would be charged equally to all Participants that utilize the applicable Settlement Services and would merely reflect the Participants' related activity at DTC. Regardless, DTC believes any burden would be necessary and appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as permitted by Section 17A(b)(3)(I) of the Act.³⁰

DTC believes any such burden would be necessary because the proposed fee increases would better align the fees with DTC's associated costs, helping DTC to achieve and maintain its net income margin. Meanwhile, DTC also believes that any such burden would be appropriate because the fees would continue to be equitably and reasonably allocated among all Participants, as described above.

(C) Clearing Agency's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

DTC has not received or solicited any written comments relating to this proposal. If any written comments are received, they would be publicly filed as an Exhibit 2 to this filing, as required by Form 19b-4 and the General Instructions thereto.

Persons submitting comments are cautioned that, according to Section IV (Solicitation of Comments) of the Exhibit 1A in the General Instructions to Form 19b-4, the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. Commenters should submit only information that they wish to make available publicly, including their name, email address, and any other identifying information.

All prospective commenters should follow the Commission's instructions on how to submit comments, available at [sec.gov/regulatory-actions/how-to-submit-comments](https://www.sec.gov/regulatory-actions/how-to-submit-comments). General questions regarding the rule filing process or logistical questions regarding this filing should be directed to the Main Office of the Commission's Division of Trading and Markets at tradingandmarkets@sec.gov or 202-551-5777.

DTC reserves the right to not respond to any comments received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change, and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) ³¹ of the Act and paragraph

(f) ³² of Rule 19b-4 thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-DTC-2024-013 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549.

All submissions should refer to file number SR-DTC-2024-013. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of DTC and on DTCC's website (www.dtcc.com/legal/sec-rule-filings). Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make

available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-DTC-2024-013 and should be submitted on or before January 10, 2025.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.³³

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No. FAA-2024-2690]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Safety Assurance System (SAS) External Portal

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 to renew an information collection. The SAS external portal is a web-based tool developed for applicants and certificate holders (also referred to as external users) to exchange information with Flight Standards (FS) employees, primarily to collaborate and communicate with their FS counterparts regarding initial certification applications, and requesting new programs for acceptance and approval.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by February 18, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments:

By Electronic Docket:
www.regulations.gov (Enter docket number into search field.)

By Mail: Derek Lockhart (c/o Denise Beaudoin), 13873 Park Center Rd., Herndon, VA 20171.

By Fax: 703-481-6043.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Derek Lockhart by email at Derek.Lockhart@faa.gov or by phone at (571) 249-6740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

³⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(I).

³¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

³² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

³³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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.

OMB Control Number: 2120-0774.

Title: Safety Assurance System (SAS) External Portal.

Form Numbers: List of the following web-based forms:

- Submitting a Preapplication Statement of Intent (PASI) Form (FAA Form 8400-6) (14 CFR parts 121, 135 and 141);
- Submitting an Application for Repair Station (FAA Form 8310-3) (14 CFR part 145);
- Submitting an Application for Aviation Maintenance School Certificate and Ratings Application (FAA Form 8310-6) (14 CFR part 147).

Type of Review: Renewal of an information collection.

Background: The SAS external portal is a web-based tool developed for 14 CFR part 121, 135, 141, 142, 145 and 147 applicants and certificate holders (also referred to as external users) to exchange information with Flight Standards employees, primarily the Certification Project Managers (CPMs), Principal Inspectors (PIs) and Training Center Program Managers (TCPMs). SAS external portal creates the ability for our external users to collaborate and communicate with their FS counterparts in the execution of the following functions:

- Submitting a Preapplication Statement of Intent (PASI) Form (FAA Form 8400-6) (14 CFR parts 121, 135 and 141);
- Submitting an Application for Repair Station (FAA Form 8310-3) (14 CFR part 145);
- Submitting an Application for Aviation Maintenance School Certificate and Ratings Application (FAA Form 8310-6) (14 CFR part 147);
- Submitting a Letter of Intent (14 CFR part 142);
- Submitting Element Design (ED) data collection tools (DCTs); and,
- Sharing of other documentation as needed.

Benefits to the certificate holder or applicant to use the external portal include:

- Ease of submission and expedited processing and tracking of documents/requests;

- Documents/requests are sent directly to the FS employees, which eliminates wait time for the entry of information by the PI/CPM; and,
- Access to DCTs.

Respondents: Applicant respondents—922; Certificate Holder respondents—7892.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: Applicant respondents—135 hours; Certificate Holder respondents—90 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: Applicants \$7,027,935; Certificate Holders \$40,104,456.

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Derek A. Lockhart,

Automation & Policy Team Leader, System Approach for Safety Oversight (SASO) Program Office, AFS-910.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[Docket No. FTA-2024-0018]

Notice of Proposed Buy America Waiver for Battery Electric Minibuses and Request for Comment

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed Buy America waiver and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has received multiple requests for a Buy America waiver for battery electric minibuses based on the non-availability of Buy America-compliant vehicles. FTA is proposing a general non-availability waiver of limited duration for vehicles in this class that meet certain criteria. FTA seeks public and industry comment on whether FTA should grant the waiver or a modified version of the waiver.

DATES: Comments must be received by January 6, 2025. Late-filed comments will be considered only to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Please submit all comments electronically to the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions must refer to the Federal Transit Administration and the docket number

of this notice. Note that all submissions received, including any personal information provided, will be posted without change and will be available to the public on <https://www.regulations.gov>. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or at <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jason Pollock, FTA Attorney-Advisor, at (202) 923-6403 or Jason.Pollock@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this notice is to seek public comment on whether FTA should grant a non-availability waiver for the procurement of battery electric minibuses.

Background

Under FTA's Buy America statute, FTA may obligate funds for a project to procure rolling stock only if the cost of components and subcomponents produced in the United States is more than 70 percent of the cost of all components of the rolling stock, and final assembly of the rolling stock occurs in the United States. 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(C). A manufacturer of rolling stock must submit to pre-award and post-delivery audits and independent inspections to verify its compliance with Buy America. 49 U.S.C. 5323(m).

FTA may waive Buy America for an item, among other reasons, if a compliant version is not produced in a sufficient and reasonably available amount or is not of a satisfactory quality. 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(2)(B) ("non-availability waiver"). FTA cannot deny a request for a non-availability waiver unless FTA can provide the waiver applicant with a written certification that asserts the item is produced in the United States in a sufficient and reasonably available amount; the item produced in the United States is of a satisfactory quality; and includes a list of known manufacturers in the United States from which the item can be obtained. 49 U.S.C. 5323(j)(6).

In 2023, FTA received 3 applications on behalf of 16 transit operators for non-availability waivers to purchase the Karsan e-Jest battery electric minibus. The 3 applicants are the Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Authority on behalf of 10 transit agencies in California, Iowa, and Washington; the Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority in Massachusetts on behalf of 5 transit agencies in Massachusetts; and Alabama A&M University. Combined, the 3 applications seek a minimum order of