

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁸⁰

Brent J. Fields,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2011-0097]

Acceptance of Applications for Mexican-Domiciled Long-Haul Operations

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States-Mexico Cross-Border Long-Haul Trucking Pilot Program (Pilot Program) concluded on October 10, 2014. The Pilot Program was part of FMCSA's implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) cross-border long-haul trucking provisions. Congress required the Pilot Program to test the safety of granting long-haul authority to Mexico-domiciled motor carriers. This notice announces that the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has submitted the required report to Congress and is accepting applications from Mexico-domiciled motor carriers interested in conducting long-haul operations.

DATES: This decision is effective January 15, 2015.

ADDRESSES: *Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments submitted to previous notices concerning the Pilot Program, go to www.regulations.gov at any time or visit Room W12-140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The on-line Federal document management system is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. The docket number is FMCSA-2011-0097.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bryan Price, Chief, North American Borders Division, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Telephone (202) 366-2995; email Bryan.Price@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: From October 14, 2011, to October 10, 2014, FMCSA conducted a Pilot Program to test and demonstrate the ability of

Mexico-based motor carriers to operate safely in the United States beyond the municipalities and commercial zones along the United States-Mexico border. The Pilot Program was part of FMCSA's implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) cross-border long-haul trucking provisions.

As of October 10, 2014, 13 Mexico-domiciled motor carriers with authority to operate in the United States beyond the commercial zones and municipalities at the U.S.-Mexico border had successfully participated in the Pilot Program and established a record of safety.

On October 10, 2014, FMCSA issued new certificates of operating authority registration to the 13 Pilot Program participants pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 13902(a) and (c),¹ the November 27, 2002 Memorandum of the President of the United States to the Secretary of Transportation [67 FR 71795 (December 2, 2002)] and the motor carriers' successful performance in the Pilot Program.²

On October 10, 2014, the Department verbally advised Congress of the completion of the Pilot Program. On January 9, 2015, DOT submitted its report titled, "United States-Mexico Cross-Border Long-Haul Trucking Pilot Program Report to Congress" to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations as well as the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation and the House of Representatives' Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. A copy of the report is posted in the docket for this program (FMCSA-2011-0097) and the Agency posted a link to the docket on the Pilot Program's Web site at: <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/international-programs/mexico-cross-border-trucking-pilot-program>.

As a result of the successful completion of the Pilot Program, FMCSA will again accept applications from Mexico-domiciled motor carriers seeking authority to operate in long-haul transportation beyond the U.S. commercial zones. Information regarding the application and review processes is available at <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/form-op-1mx>.

¹ Including compliance with Section 350 of the Fiscal Year 2002 DOT Appropriations Act, (Pub. L. 104-87), which has been incorporated in successive appropriations legislation.

² Pursuant to the procedures noted in 76 FR 40420 (July 8, 2011).

Issued on: January 9, 2015.

T.F. Scott Darling, III,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Departmental Offices; Debt Management Advisory Committee Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 10(a)(2), that a meeting will be held at the Hay-Adams Hotel, 16th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC, on February 3, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. of the following debt management advisory committee: Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee of The Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association.

The agenda for the meeting provides for a charge by the Secretary of the Treasury or his designate that the Committee discuss particular issues and conduct a working session. Following the working session, the Committee will present a written report of its recommendations. The meeting will be closed to the public, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 10(d) and Public Law 103-202, § 202(c)(1)(B) (31 U.S.C. 3121 note).

This notice shall constitute my determination, pursuant to the authority placed in heads of agencies by 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 10(d) and vested in me by Treasury Department Order No. 101-05, that the meeting will consist of discussions and debates of the issues presented to the Committee by the Secretary of the Treasury and the making of recommendations of the Committee to the Secretary, pursuant to Public Law 103-202, § 202(c)(1)(B).

Thus, this information is exempt from disclosure under that provision and 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3)(B). In addition, the meeting is concerned with information that is exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(9)(A). The public interest requires that such meetings be closed to the public because the Treasury Department requires frank and full advice from representatives of the financial community prior to making its final decisions on major financing operations. Historically, this advice has been offered by debt management advisory committees established by the several major segments of the financial community. When so utilized, such a committee is recognized to be an advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 3.

Although the Treasury's final announcement of financing plans may

not reflect the recommendations provided in reports of the Committee, premature disclosure of the Committee's deliberations and reports would be likely to lead to significant financial speculation in the securities market. Thus, this meeting falls within the exemption covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A).

Treasury staff will provide a technical briefing to the press on the day before the Committee meeting, following the release of a statement of economic conditions and financing estimates. This briefing will give the press an opportunity to ask questions about financing projections. The day after the Committee meeting, Treasury will release the minutes of the meeting, any charts that were discussed at the meeting, and the Committee's report to the Secretary.

The Office of Debt Management is responsible for maintaining records of debt management advisory committee meetings and for providing annual reports setting forth a summary of Committee activities and such other matters as may be informative to the public consistent with the policy of 5 U.S.C. 552(b). The Designated Federal Officer or other responsible agency official who may be contacted for additional information is Fred Pietrangeli, Director for Office of Debt Management (202) 622-1876.

Dated: January 8, 2015.

Matthew S. Rutherford,

Acting Under Secretary for Domestic Finance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8453-FE, Form 8453-EMP, and Form 8879-EMP

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8453-FE, U.S. Estate or Trust

Declaration and Signature for an IRS e-file Return; Form 8453-EMP, Employment Tax Declaration for an IRS e-file Return; and Form 8879-EMP, IRS e-file Signature Authorization for Forms 940, 941, 941-PR, 941-SS, 943, 943-PR, 944, and 945.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 16, 2015 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Christie Preston, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Kerry Dennis, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224 or through the internet at Kerry.Dennis@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: U.S. Estate of Trust Income Tax Declaration and Signature for Electronic and Magnetic Media Filing.

OMB Number: 1545-XXXX.

Form Numbers: 8453-FE.

Abstract: Form 8453-FE is used to authenticate the electronic Form 1041, U.S. Income Tax Return for Estates and Trusts, authorize the electronic filer to transmit via a third-party transmitter, and authorize an electronic fund withdrawal for payment of federal taxes owed.

Title: Employment Tax Declaration for an IRS e-file Return.

OMB Number: 1545-XXXX.

Form Numbers: 8453-EMP.

Abstract: Form 8453-EMP will be used to authenticate an electronic employment tax form, authorize the electronic return originator (ERO), if any, to transmit via a third-party transmitter; authorize the intermediate service provider (ISP) to transmit via a third-party transmitter if filed online (not using an ERO), and provide the taxpayer's consent to authorize an electronic funds withdrawal for payment of federal taxes owed.

Title: IRS e-file Signature Authorization for Forms 940, 940-PR, 941, 941-PR, 941-SS, 943, 943-PR, 944, and 945.

OMB Number: 1545-XXXX.

Form Number: 8879-EMP.

Abstract: Form 8879-EMP is used if a taxpayer and the electronic return originator (ERO) want to use a personal identification number (PIN) to electronically sign an electronic employment tax return. It is also used to authorize an electronic funds withdrawal, enable an ERO to file and sign electronically.

Current Actions: Request for new OMB Control Number.

Type of Review: Existing collection in use without an OMB control number.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, and individuals, or households.

Form 8453-FE

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,150,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 3 hours, 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,622,000.

Form 8453-EMP

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,538,400.

Estimated Time per Response: 2 hours, 23 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 20,406,776.

Form 8879-EMP

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,538,400.

Estimated Time per Response: 2 hours, 53 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 24,590,592.

Totals for This Collection (All Three Forms)

Estimated Number of Respondents: 19,226,800.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 51,619,368.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice: An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to