

§ 237.1

49 CFR Ch. II (10–1–10 Edition)

Subpart D—Capacity of Bridges

- 237.71 Determination of bridge load capacities.
- 237.73 Protection of bridges from overweight and over-dimension loads.

Subpart E—Bridge Inspection

- 237.101 Scheduling of bridge inspections.
- 237.103 Bridge inspection procedures.
- 237.105 Special inspections.
- 237.107 Conduct of bridge inspections.
- 237.109 Bridge inspection records.
- 237.111 Review of bridge inspection reports.

Subpart F—Repair and Modification of Bridges

- 237.131 Design.
- 237.133 Supervision of repairs and modifications.

Subpart G—Documentation, Records, and Audits of Bridge Management Programs

- 237.151 Audits; general.
- 237.153 Audits of inspections.
- 237.155 Documents and records.

APPENDIX A—SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF AGENCY POLICY ON THE SAFETY OF RAILROAD BRIDGES

APPENDIX B—SCHEDULE OF CIVIL PENALTIES

AUTHORITY: 49 U.S.C. 20102–20114; P.L. 110–432, division A, section 417; 28 U.S.C. 2461, note; and 49 CFR 1.49.

SOURCE: 75 FR 41302, July 15, 2010, unless otherwise noted.

Subpart A—General

§ 237.1 Application.

(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) or (c) of this section, this part applies to all owners of railroad track with a gage of two feet or more and which is supported by a bridge.

(b) This part does not apply to bridges on track used exclusively for rapid transit operations in an urban area that are not connected with the general railroad system of transportation.

(c) This part does not apply to bridges located within an installation which is not part of the general railroad system of transportation and over which trains are not operated by a railroad.

§ 237.3 Responsibility for compliance.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, an owner of track to

which this part applies is responsible for compliance.

(b) If an owner of track to which this part applies assigns responsibility for the bridges that carry the track to another person (by lease or otherwise), written notification of the assignment shall be provided to the appropriate FRA Regional Office at least 30 days in advance of the assignment. The notification may be made by any party to that assignment, but shall be in writing and include the following—

(1) The name and address of the track owner;

(2) The name and address of the person to whom responsibility is assigned (assignee);

(3) A statement of the exact relationship between the track owner and the assignee;

(4) A precise identification of the track segment and the individual bridges in the assignment;

(5) A statement as to the competence and ability of the assignee to carry out the bridge safety duties of the track owner under this part; and

(6) A statement signed by the assignee acknowledging the assignment to him of responsibility for purposes of compliance with this part.

(c) The Administrator may hold the track owner or the assignee, or both, responsible for compliance with this part and subject to penalties under § 237.7.

(d) A common carrier by railroad which is directed by the Surface Transportation Board to provide service over the track of another railroad under 49 U.S.C. 11123 is considered the owner of that track for the purposes of the application of this part during the period the directed service order remains in effect.

(e) When any person, including a contractor for a railroad or track owner, performs any function required by this part, that person is required to perform that function in accordance with this part.

(f) Where an owner of track to which this part applies has previously assigned responsibility for a segment of track to another person as prescribed in 49 CFR 213.5(c), additional notification to FRA is not required.