S.4.5(a) of FMVSS No. 138 in English, it is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety for the following reasons:

1. All affected owner’s manuals contain accurate Spanish translations of the information.

2. In Puerto Rico, Spanish is the universally prevalent language.

According to a U.S. Census done by the Census Bureau in 2010, 95.7% of Puerto Rico’s population speaks Spanish as their primary language.

3. English owner’s manuals for Mazda motor vehicles manufactured on or after 2002 can be downloaded from MNAO’s Web site or upon request through MNAO dealerships and is available for customers in Puerto Rico free of charge.

4. MNAO has not received any complaints or claims in Puerto Rico with regards to the language of the owner’s manuals.

MNAO has additionally informed NHTSA that it has corrected the noncompliance so that all future production vehicles will comply with FMVSS No. 138.

In summation, MNAO believes that the described noncompliance of the subject vehicles is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety, and that its petition, to exempt from providing recall notification of noncompliance as required by 49 U.S.C. 30118 and remedying the recall noncompliance as required by 49 U.S.C. 30120 should be granted.

NHTSA Decision: NHTSA agrees with MNAO that the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety.

MNAO has provided sufficient documentation that the language in the Owner’s Manual is the primary language for Puerto Rico and does not present a safety risk.

In consideration of the foregoing, NHTSA has determined that MNAO has met its burden of persuasion that the subject FMVSS No. 138 noncompliance in the vehicles identified in MNAO’s Noncompliance Information Report is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. Accordingly, MNAO’s petition is hereby granted and MNAO is exempted from the obligation of providing notification of, and a remedy for, that noncompliance under 49 U.S.C. 30118 and 30120.

NHTSA notes that the statutory provisions (49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h)) that permit manufacturers to file petitions for a determination of inconsequentiality allow NHTSA to exempt manufacturers only from the duties found in sections 30118 and 30120, respectively, to notify owners, purchasers, and dealers of a defect or noncompliance and to remedy the defect or noncompliance. Therefore, this decision only applies to approximately 16,748 vehicles that MNAO no longer controlled at the time that it determined that a noncompliance existed in the subject vehicles. However, the granting of this petition does not relieve vehicle distributors and dealers of the prohibitions on the sale, offer for sale, or introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of the noncompliant vehicles under their control after MNAO notified them that the subject noncompliance existed.


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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Surface Transportation Board
Information Collection Activities; End-of-Year Railroad Service Outlook
AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.
ACTION: Notice and Request for Comments.
SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3519 (PRA), the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) gives notice of its intent to seek from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the information collection resulting from the Board’s annual request that Class I railroads and other rail carriers that are members of the American Shortline and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRRA) member railroads, to provide a forward-looking assessment of their ability to meet end-of-year business demands for rail service, which typically increase during the fall shipping season. The Board uses this information to monitor efforts by the country’s rail carriers to meet the increased demand for rail service during the fall peak demand season, including capital plans for relieving bottlenecks. For several years, the STB has asked Class I railroads, along with the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRRA) member railroads, to provide a forward-looking assessment of their ability to meet end-of-year business demands for rail service, which typically increase during the fall shipping season. The Board uses this information to monitor efforts by the country’s rail carriers to meet the increased fall peak demand for rail service. The Congressional Budget Office has praised the Board’s efforts in monitoring the fall peak seasonal demand for rail service and has said that it “may have prompted the railroads to enhance their efforts to meet demand.”
DATES: Comments on this information collection should be submitted by August 23, 2013.
ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Marilyn Levitt, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001, or to levittm@stb.dot.gov. When submitting comments, please refer to “End-of-Year Railroad Service Outlook.”
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marilyn Levitt at (202) 245–0269 or at levittm@stb.dot.gov. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Surface Transportation Board

Information Collection Activities: Report of Fuel Cost, Consumption, and Surcharge Revenue

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: 60-day notice of request for comments and approval.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3519 (PRA), the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) gives notice of its intent to seek from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) an extension of approval for the collection of the Report of Fuel Cost, Consumption, and Surcharge Revenue. Comments are requested concerning: (1) The accuracy of the Board’s burden estimates; (2) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (3) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology when appropriate; and (4) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Board, including whether the collection has practical utility. Submitted comments will be summarized and included in the Board’s request for OMB approval.

Description of Collection
Title: Report of Fuel Cost, Consumption, and Surcharge Revenue.
OMB Control Number: 2140–0014.
STB Form Number: None.
Type of Review: Extension without change.

Respondents: Class I railroads (railroads with operating revenues exceeding $250 million in 1991 dollars).
Number of Respondents: 7.
Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.
Frequency: Quarterly.
Total Burden Hours (annually including all respondents): 84 hours.
Total “Non-hour Burden” Cost: None identified.

Needs and Uses: Under 49 U.S.C. 10702, the Surface Transportation Board has the authority to address the reasonableness of a rail carrier’s practices. This information collection permits the Board to monitor the current fuel surcharge practices of the Class I carriers. Failure to collect this information would impede the Board’s ability to fulfill its responsibilities under 49 U.S.C. 10702. The Board has authority to collect information about rail costs and revenues under 49 U.S.C. 11144 and 11145.

Retention Period: Information in this report is maintained on the Board’s Web site for a minimum of one year and is otherwise maintained by the Board for a minimum of two years.

DATES: Comments on this information collection should be submitted by August 23, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Marilyn Levitt, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001, or to levittm@stb.dot.gov. When submitting comments, please refer to “Report of Fuel Cost, Consumption, and Surcharge Revenue.” For further information regarding the Report of Fuel Cost, Consumption, and Surcharge Revenue, or to obtain a copy of the reporting form, contact Paul Aguiar at (202) 245–0323 or paul.aguiar@stb.dot.gov.

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