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You may get a copy of the proposed revised TSO from the Internet at: <http://av-info.faa.gov/tso/Tsopro/Proposed.htm>. You may also request a copy from Moin Abulhosn. See the section entitled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** for the complete address.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration**

[Docket No. FAA-2003-15158]

**Technical Standard Order—C37e, VHF Radio Communications Transmitting Equipment Operating Within the Radio Frequency Range 117.975 to 137.000 Megahertz**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and requests for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of and request comments on a revised Technical Standard Order (TSO)—C37e, VHF Radio Communications Transmitting Equipment Operating Within the Radio Frequency Range 117.975 to 137.000 Megahertz. The revised TSO tells manufacturers seeking TSO authorization or letter of design approval what minimum performance standards (MPS) their VHF radio communications transmitting equipment must first meet for approval and identification with the applicable TSO markings.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before June 19, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all comments on the proposed TSO revision to: Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service, Room 815, AIR-130, 800 Independent Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Attn: Mr. Moin Abulhosn, AIR-130. You may deliver comments to: Federal Aviation Administration, Room 815, 800 Independent Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Moin Abulhosn, AIR-130, Room 815, Federal Aviation Administration, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft

Certification Service, 800 Independent Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 385-4648, Fax: (202) 385-4651.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Comments Invited**

You are invited to comment on the proposed revised TSO listed in this notice by submitting written data, views, or arguments to the address listed above. Your comments should identify "Comments to TSO-C37e." You can examine all comments on the proposed revised TSO before and after the comment closing date at the Federal Aviation Administration, Room 815, 800 Independent Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, weekdays except Federal holidays, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The Director of the Aircraft Certification Service will consider all communications received on or before the closing date before issuing the final revised TSO.

**Background**

This proposed revision to TSO-C37d includes the latest TSO boilerplate language. This language incorporates a Functionality definition used to specify the Function Hazard Classification. Furthermore, the data required with the TSO application has been slightly modified to include:

a. The minimum operational performance standards defined by RTCA/DO-186A, "Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Airborne Radio Communications Equipment Operating Within the Radio Frequency Range 117.975-137.00 Mhz," Section 2.0, dated October 20, 1995, including Change 1, dated September 29, 1998, and Change 2, dated March 5, 2002.

b. The minimum requirements of 8.33 kHz channel spacing transmitters (Class 5 and 6) as defined by RTCA/DO-186A, including Changes 1 and 2, while retaining requirements of 25 kHz channel spacing transmitters (Class 3 and 4) of TSO-37d.

c. By reference to RTCA/DO-186A, including Channels 1 and 2, addresses the electromagnetic compatibility with the Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS).

d. The environmental conditions and test procedures specified in RTCA/DO-160D, including Changes 1, 2, and 3.

The basic TSO provides minimum performance standards for VHF radio communications transmitting equipment. Incorporated within this standard are equipment characteristics that should be useful to users, designers, manufacturers, and installers of VHF

radio communications transmitting equipment.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Highway Administration**

**Environmental Impact Statement;  
Hatillo-Aguadilla Corridor, Puerto Rico**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for the Hatillo-Aguadilla Corridor in the northwestern area of Puerto Rico.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jose Luis Torres, P.E., Federal Highway Administration, Puerto Rico Division, 350 Carlos Chardon Street, Suite 210, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918, Telephone (787)766-5600 Ext. 234; or Ms. Irma Garcia, P.E., Programming and Special Studies Area, Puerto Rico Highway and Transportation Authority, PO Box 42007, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00940-2007, Telephone (787)729-1580.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Electronic Access**

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded by using a computer, modem and suitable communications software from the Government Printing Office's Electronic Bulletin Board Service at (202) 512-1661. Internet users may reach the Office of the **Federal Register's** home page at: <http://www.archives.gov> and the Government Printing Office's Web site at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

**Background**

The FHWA, in cooperation with the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Department of Transportation and Public Works (PRDTPW), through its

Highway and Transportation Authority (HTA), will prepare a joint environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to construct a new roadway between the municipalities of Hatillo and Aguadilla.

Various environmental resources and issues are known to exist within the limits of the study area for this project. These resources and issues include, but are not limited to: location of prime agricultural land; archaeological resources; historic resources; residential, business and recreational land uses; geology; water quality; scenic viewsheds; native plant communities; wetlands; noise; and preservation of the natural, cultural, scenic and recreational values of the area. Any resources protected under Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act<sup>1</sup> (49 U.S.C. 303 and 23 U.S.C. 138; 23 CFR 771.135(a)) will be addressed in a section 4(f) statement to be prepared for this project.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Pub. L. 89-665, 80 Stat. 915; 36 CFR part 800) applies to the project. Consultation pursuant to Section 106 is being initiated.

The EIS will address the impacts related to the construction of a new roadway in the Hatillo-Aguadilla Corridor. Recent planning efforts leading to the preparation of an EIS include development of design concepts for the following alternatives: (1) No Action; (2) Conversion to Expressway of existing road PR-2; (3) A New Road, and; (4) A combination of alternatives (2) and (3).

Correspondence describing this proposed action and requesting comments will be sent to appropriate Federal, Commonwealth, and local agencies and to private organizations and individuals that have previously expressed, or are known to have, an interest in this proposal. In addition, public scoping meetings will be held in the Spring/Summer of 2003.

To ensure that the full range of issues and alternatives related to this proposed action is addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above. The view of agencies having interest on this proposal or

knowledge of potential effects on the environmental resources listed above is requested.

(Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48)

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and its implementing regulations, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) hereby announces that it is seeking renewal of the following currently approved information collection activities. Before submitting these information collection requirements for clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), FRA is soliciting public comment on specific aspects of the activities identified below.

**DATES:** Comments must be received no later than July 21, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on any or all of the following proposed activities by mail to either: Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Safety, Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590, or Ms. Debra Steward, Office of Information Technology and Productivity Improvement, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590. Commenters requesting FRA to acknowledge receipt of their respective comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard stating, "Comments on OMB control number \_\_\_." Alternatively, comments may be transmitted via facsimile to (202) 493-6230 or (202) 493-6170, or E-mail to Mr. Brogan at [robert.brogan@fra.dot.gov](mailto:robert.brogan@fra.dot.gov), or to Ms. Steward at [debra.steward@fra.dot.gov](mailto:debra.steward@fra.dot.gov). Please refer to the assigned OMB control number in any correspondence submitted. FRA will summarize comments received in response to this notice in a subsequent notice and include them in its information

collection submission to OMB for approval.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Brogan, Office of Planning and Evaluation Division, RRS-21, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6292) or Debra Steward, Office of Information Technology and Productivity Improvement, RAD-20, Federal Railroad Administration, 1120 Vermont Ave., NW., Mail Stop 35, Washington, DC 20590 (telephone: (202) 493-6139). (These telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Pub. L. 104-13, § 2, 109 Stat. 163 (1995) (codified as revised at 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to provide 60-days notice to the public for comment on information collection activities before seeking approval for reinstatement or renewal by OMB. 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), 1320.10(e)(1), 1320.12(a). Specifically, FRA invites interested respondents to comment on the following summary of proposed information collection activities regarding (i) whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the activities will have practical utility; (ii) the accuracy of FRA's estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (iii) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (iv) ways for FRA to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public by automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses). See 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)(i)-(iv); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1)(i)-(iv). FRA believes that soliciting public comment will promote its efforts to reduce the administrative and paperwork burdens associated with the collection of information mandated by Federal regulations. In summary, FRA reasons that comments received will advance three objectives: (i) Reduce reporting burdens; (ii) ensure that it organizes information collection requirements in a "user friendly" format to improve the use of such information; and (iii) accurately assess the resources expended to retrieve and produce

<sup>1</sup> Section 4(f) of Pub. L. 89-670, 80 Stat. 934, was repealed by Pub. L. 97-449, 96 Stat. 2444, and enacted without substantive change at 49 U.S.C. 303; Section 138 of title 23, U.S.C., remains unchanged. Because of common usage and familiarity, the term section 4(f) continues to be used by the Department of Transportation in matters relating to 49 U.S.C. 303 and 23 U.S.C. 138.