

Regulatory Status – 2025/26 Federal Regulations

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Key Updates on IANA Policy Issues

- **FMC requests comments to investigate reports that ocean common carriers are restricting chassis choice. Comments due 03/27/26. [\(More info\)](#)**
- **FMC issues final rule formally removing portion of demurrage and detention billing rule following court decision. [\(More info.\)](#)**

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Request for public comments	01/26/26	[FMC–2026–0100] Investigation Into Ocean Common Carriers’ Practices and Restrictions on Chassis Usage <i>Keywords: Shipping Act; Chassis; Trucks</i>	3195(91)	FMC requests comments to investigate reports that ocean common carriers are restricting chassis choice. Comments due 03/27/26.
Final Rule	12/29/25	Detention and Demurrage Practices <i>Keywords: Ports; Shipping Act</i>	60579(90)	FMC issues final rule formally removing portion of demurrage and detention billing rule following court decision.
Decision	09/23/25		Decision	U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit rules in favor of World Shipping Council, vacating part of the demurrage and detention billing rule.
Final rule; announcement of effective date	05/14/24		41895(89)	FMC announces demurrage and detention invoice requirements received OMB approval and will take effect on 05/28/24.
Final Rule; Correction	05/09/24		39569(89)	FMC issues correction to final rule clarifying which entities may be billed detention and demurrage charges.
Lawsuit	04/18/24		Lawsuit	World Shipping Council files petition with U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit requesting review of detention and demurrage billing rule.

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Final Rule	02/23/24		<u>14330(89)</u>	FMC issues final rule amending regulations governing demurrage and detention billing requirements.
Order to Show Cause	06/26/25	FMC Agreement No. 201349 – World Shipping Council Agreement <i>Keywords: Antitrust; Agreements</i>	<u>Order</u>	FMC initiates review of World Shipping Council agreement to determine whether its activities align with FMC’s jurisdiction under the Shipping Act
Order of investigation and request for comments	05/22/25	[Docket No. FMC–2025–0009] Investigation Into Flags of Convenience and Unfavorable Conditions Created by Certain Flagging Practices <i>Keywords: Shipping</i>	<u>21926(90)</u>	FMC initiates investigation into unfair flagging practices of foreign countries. Comments due 08/20/25.
Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting	05/20/25	National Shipper Advisory Committee <i>Keywords: Shipping</i>	<u>21479(90)</u>	FMC announces next NSAC meeting on 06/04/25.
Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting	02/13/25		<u>9546(90)</u>	FMC announces next NSAC meeting on 03/05/25.
Notice of Agreements Filed	04/30/25	South Atlantic Chassis Pool Agreement <i>Keywords: Federal Maritime Commission (FMC)</i>	<u>17931(90)</u>	South Atlantic Chassis Pool proposes to extend agreement term until 09/30/38.
Notice of Agreements Filed	08/30/23		<u>59920(88)</u>	South Atlantic Chassis Pool proposes adding four new members to the agreement.
Notice of Agreements Filed	06/22/23		<u>40824(88)</u>	South Atlantic Chassis Pool proposes to extend initial agreement term from 7 to 10 years.
Notice of Request for Additional Information	08/17/22		<u>50624(87)</u>	FMC requests additional information about South Atlantic Chassis Pool 3.0, preventing the agreement from taking effect. Comments due 09/01/22.
Notice of Agreements Filed	07/13/22		<u>41718(87)</u>	The Georgia Ports Authority, Jacksonville Port Authority, North Carolina State Ports Authority, CCM, and OCEMA file agreement to form South Atlantic Chassis Pool 3.0, an

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				interoperable chassis pool under a single provider model.
Order of investigation and request for comments	03/14/25	[Docket No. FMC-2025-0005] Order of Investigation Into Transit Constraints at International Maritime Chokepoints <i>Keywords: Shipping</i>	<u>12158(89)</u>	FMC initiates investigation into international maritime chokepoints to determine whether foreign entities are creating unfavorable shipping conditions. Comments due 05/13/25.
Notice of Determination to Review	01/06/25	IMCC Complaint for Violation of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. § 41102(C) <i>Keywords: Shipping Act; Chassis; Trucks</i>	<u>Decision</u>	FMC announces plans to review Administrative Law Judge's decision to dismiss remaining claims.
Decision	12/10/24		<u>Decision</u>	FMC dismisses all remaining claims as moot in case brought by IMCC against OCEMA and ocean carriers.
Decision	02/13/24		<u>Decision</u>	FMC affirms decision that OCEMA and 10 carriers violated the Shipping Act and orders respondents to cease and desist from unlawful practices.
Decision	02/06/23		<u>Decision</u>	FMC serves initial decision partially granting summary decision to IMCC.
Notice of Filing of Complaint and Assignment	08/28/20		<u>53369(85)</u>	Intermodal Motor Carriers Conference files complaint with FMC against OCEMA and 10 ocean carriers seeking declaratory relief and order to cease and desist from violations of the Shipping Act, including denying motor carriers chassis choice and charging unreasonable rates.
Final rule; announcement of effective date; correction	01/02/25	Definition of Unreasonable Refusal to Deal or Negotiate with Respect to Vessel Space Accommodations Provided by an Ocean Common Carrier [Docket No. 22-24] <i>Keywords: Federal Maritime Commission (FMC)</i>	<u>30(90)</u>	FMC requires ocean common carriers to annually submit documented export strategies beginning 03/01/25.
Final Rule	07/23/24		<u>59648(89)</u>	FMC issues final rule defining unreasonable refusal to deal or negotiate on vessel space

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				accommodations made by an ocean common carrier, effective 09/23/24.
Update	10/16/24	Commission Contracts with National Academies for OSRA Mandated Chassis Study <i>Keywords: Federal Maritime Commission (FMC); Chassis</i>	Report	NAS issues study and recommendations on chassis pools.
Update	10/03/22		Update	FMC announces contract with National Academies of Science to study chassis pools.
Request for Review	10/08/24	Request for Oversight Review of PierPass Program <i>Keywords: Ports</i>	Letter	NRF requests review of PierPass Program at Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles.
Decision	07/05/24	TCW, Inc. vs. Evergreen Shipping Agency & Evergreen Line Joint Service Agreement <i>Keywords: Ports; Chassis</i>	Decision	U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit rules in favor of Evergreen on detention and per diem charges.
Order	04/26/21		Order	FMC issues order for supplemental briefing in case regarding equipment detention and per diem charges.
Request for Information	04/16/24	Initiative to Improve Ocean Cargo Velocity <i>Keywords: Federal Maritime Commission</i>	26881(89)	FMC requests comments on questions related to transparency, data accuracy, and cargo availability. Comments due 06/17/24.
Request for Information	08/16/23		55697(88)	FMC requests comments on questions related to maritime data accessibility and accuracy.
Report	04/21/23		Update	Commissioner Bentzel issues report with Maritime Transportation Data Initiative final recommendations.
Final Rule	01/02/24	Carrier Automated Tariffs 46 CFR Part 520 [Docket No. 21-03] RIN 3072-AC86 <i>Keywords: Shipping Act</i>	25(89)	FMC modifies its rules governing Carrier Automated Tariffs, effective 02/01/24.