

# FEDERAL REGULATORY ACTIVITIES



## Regulatory Status – 2023/24

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### Key Updates on IANA Policy Issues

- **USTR initiates investigation into China’s practices impacting U.S. maritime, logistics, and shipbuilding sectors. Comments due 05/22/24. [\(More info\).](#)**

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The White House	Executive Order	02/21/24	Executive Order on Amending Regulations Relating to the Safeguarding of Vessels, Harbors, Ports, and Waterfront Facilities of the United States <i>Keywords: Ports; Safety</i>	<u>Executive Order</u>	President Biden issues Executive Order to improve cybersecurity in the maritime transportation system.
The White House	Update	11/27/23	President Biden Announces New Actions to Strengthen America’s Supply Chains, Lower Costs for Families, and Secure Key Sectors <i>Keywords: Infrastructure</i>	<u>Fact Sheet</u>	Biden-Harris Administration announces initiatives to strengthen supply chains, including Freight Office launch.
The White House	Update	01/13/23	The U.S. National Blueprint for Transportation Decarbonation <i>Keywords: Infrastructure; Emissions</i>	<u>Blueprint</u>	Biden-Harris Administration releases blueprint to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from freight and passenger transportation.
BTS	Notice and Request for Comments	02/07/23	[Docket No. DOT–OST–2023–0021] Notice of Request for Clearance of a New Information Collection: Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2022 (OSRA 22) <i>Keywords: Chassis</i>	<u>8039(88)</u>	BTS seeks approval for OSRA Pilot Data Collection to compile national level chassis street dwell and out of service statistics.
California Air Resources Board	Notice of opportunity for public hearing and comment	02/27/24	In-Use Locomotive Regulation <i>Keywords: Emissions; Rail</i>	<u>14484(89)</u>	EPA announces hearing to consider CARB’s authorization request on 03/20/24 and accepts written comments until 04/22/24.
	Update	06/16/23		<u>Lawsuit</u>	AAR and ASLRRRA file lawsuit against CARB’s In-Use Locomotive Regulation.
	Rulemaking	04/27/23		<u>Rulemaking</u>	CARB approves In-Use Locomotive Regulation to reduce locomotive emissions.

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California Air Resources Board	Update	04/01/24	Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation <i>Keywords: Emissions; Trucks</i>	<u>Lawsuit</u>	American Free Enterprise Chamber of Commerce and the Associated Equipment Distributors file lawsuit challenging CARB's ACF rule.
	Update	11/15/23		<u>Waiver Request</u>	CARB requests EPA waiver to adopt ACF rules.
	Update	10/16/23		<u>Lawsuit</u>	CTA files lawsuit requesting preliminary and permanent injunctions to prevent CARB from enforcing its ACF rule.
California Air Resources Board	Update	07/24/23	Advanced Clean Truck Regulation <i>Keywords: Emissions; Trucks</i>	<u>Update</u>	U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia allows 18 states to intervene in lawsuit in support of CARB waivers.
	Update	06/05/23		<u>Lawsuit</u>	Nineteen states file petition for review of EPA decision granting CARB waiver requests.
	Decision	04/06/23		<u>20688(88)</u>	EPA grants CARB waiver requests allowing adoption of Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Engine Emission Warranty Regulations and Maintenance Provisions, Advanced Clean Trucks Regulation, Zero Emission Airport Shuttle Regulation, and Zero-Emission Power Train Certification Regulation.
California Supreme Court	Decision	03/15/24	Dynamex Operations West v. Superior Court of Los Angeles Case <i>Keywords: Employee Driver Mandates; Intermodal; Trucks</i>	<u>Decision</u>	U.S. Southern District Court of California rules against CTA and denies its request for a new injunction against AB 5 enforcement.
	Update	09/22/22		<u>Granted Motion</u>	U.S. Southern District Court of California allows OOIDA to intervene in CTA lawsuit.

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	Update	06/30/22		<a href="#"><u>Decision</u></a>	U.S. Supreme Court denies CTA petition for review. AB 5 will retroactively take effect for trucking industry.
	Update	11/12/19		<a href="#"><u>Lawsuit</u></a>	CTA files amended complaint to include AB 5 in its suit challenging the California Supreme Court Dynamex decision.
	Update	09/18/19		<a href="#"><u>Legislation</u></a>	Governor Newsom signs AB 5, codifying Dynamex decision into California state law, effective 01/01/20.
	Decision	04/30/18		<a href="#"><u>Decision</u></a>	California Supreme Court issues ruling in Dynamex case, making it more difficult to classify workers as independent contractors by establishing new "ABC test."
CEQ	Notice of proposed rulemaking	07/31/23	Update to the Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act <i>Keywords: Infrastructure</i>	<a href="#"><u>49924(88)</u></a>	CEQ issues notice of proposed rulemaking to modify its regulations for NEPA implementation.
	Final rule	04/20/22		<a href="#"><u>23453(87)</u></a>	CEQ issues final rule modifying its regulations for the implementation of NEPA, effective 05/20/22.
Coast Guard	Notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of the comment period	04/09/24	[Docket No. USCG-2022-0802] Cybersecurity in the Marine Transportation System	<a href="#"><u>24751(89)</u></a>	Coast Guard extends comment period on proposal to establish minimum maritime cybersecurity requirements to 05/22/24.
	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking	02/22/24		<a href="#"><u>13404(89)</u></a>	Coast Guard proposes regulations establishing minimum maritime cybersecurity requirements. Comments due 04/22/24.

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Department of Commerce	Notice of open meeting	02/22/24	Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness <i>Keywords: Infrastructure</i>	<a href="#">13310(89)</a>	ACSCC announces meeting on 03/07/24.
	Notice	12/06/23		<a href="#">84779(88)</a>	DOC requests nominations to the Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness, due 01/02/24.
Department of Labor	Final Rule	01/10/24	Wage and Hour Division 29 CFR Parts 780, 788, and 795 - RIN 1235-AA34 Independent Contractor Status under the Fair Labor Standards Act <i>Keywords: Employee Driver Mandates</i>	<a href="#">1638(89)</a>	DOL issues final rule on classification of workers as employees or independent contractors under the FLSA, effective 03/11/24.
EPA	Notice of Funding Opportunity	02/28/24	Development of Guidance for Zero-Emission Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles, Port Equipment, and Fueling Infrastructure Deployment Under the Inflation Reduction Act Funding Programs <i>Keywords: Ports; Trucks; Emissions</i>	<a href="#">NOFO</a>	EPA solicits applications for Clean Ports Program climate and air quality planning funding, due 05/28/24.
	Notice of Funding Opportunity	02/28/24		<a href="#">NOFO</a>	EPA solicits applications for Clean Ports Program zero-emission technology deployment funding, due 05/28/24.
	Notice; Request for Information	05/08/23		<a href="#">29666(88)</a>	EPA seeks comments evaluating the availability, price, and performance of zero-emission technologies in the heavy-duty vehicle and port sectors.
EPA	Final Rule	11/01/23	[EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0985; FRL-8952.1-01-OAR] RIN 2060-AW12 Locomotives and Locomotive Engines; Preemption of State and Local Regulations <i>Keywords: Freight; Emissions</i>	<a href="#">77004(88)</a>	EPA amends regulations on preemption of state and local regulation of non-new locomotives, effective 12/08/23.
EPA	Final Rule	03/29/24	[EPA-HQ-OAR-2014-0827; NHTSA-2014-0132; FRL-9927-21-OAR] Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles— Phase 3 <i>Keywords: Emissions; Fuel Standards</i>	<a href="#">Final Rule</a>	EPA finalizes new heavy-duty vehicle GHG emission standards for model years 2027-2032.
	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking	04/12/23		<a href="#">25926(88)</a>	EPA proposes rule setting heavy-duty vehicle GHG emission standards for model years 2028-2032.

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FRA	Final Rule	04/02/24	[Docket No. FRA-2021-0032, Notice No. 1] Train Crew Size Safety Requirements <i>Keywords: Rail; Safety</i>	<u>25052(89)</u>	FRA finalizes rule requiring a minimum of two crewmembers for most rail operations, effective 06/10/24.
	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking	07/28/22		<u>45564(87)</u>	FRA proposes rule requiring a minimum of two crewmembers for most rail operations.
FRA	Notice of Funding Opportunity	03/29/24	Notice of Funding Opportunity for Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements <i>Keywords: Rail; Transportation Infrastructure Funding/Financing</i>	<u>22206(89)</u>	FRA solicits applications for the CRISI grant program, due 05/28/24.
FRA	Notice of Public Meeting	03/05/24	[Docket No. FRA-2000-7257, Notice No. 95] Railroad Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting <i>Keywords: Rail; Safety</i>	<u>15925(89)</u>	FRA announces next RSAC meeting on 03/21/24.
FRA	Notice of information collection; request for comment	01/22/24	[Docket No. FRA-2023-0002-N-17] Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request <i>Keywords: Rail; Safety</i>	<u>3984(89)</u>	FRA requests comments on information collection to gather data on Class I railroad train lengths Comments due 02/21/24.
FRA	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking	12/08/23	[Docket No. FRA-2023-0021, Notice No. 1] Freight Car Safety Standards Implementing the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act <i>Keywords: Rail</i>	<u>85561(88)</u>	FRA proposes regulations to enforce freight rail car manufacturing requirements. Comments due 02/06/24.
FRA	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking	05/31/23	[Docket No. FRA-2022-0020, Notice No. 1] RIN 2130-AC92 Certification of Signal Employees <i>Keywords: Rail; Safety</i>	<u>35632(88)</u>	FRA proposes regulations for certification of signal employees.
FRA	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking	05/31/23	[Docket No. FRA-2022-0019, Notice No. 1] RIN 2130-AC91 Certification of Dispatchers <i>Keywords: Rail; Safety</i>	<u>35574(88)</u>	FRA proposes regulations for certification of dispatchers.
FRA	Notice	06/05/23	Notice of Funding Opportunity for Railroad Crossing Elimination Program <i>Keywords: Rail; Transportation Infrastructure Funding/Financing</i>	<u>Notice</u>	FRA announces \$570 million in grant awards to 32 Railroad Crossing Elimination Program projects.
	Notice of funding opportunity	07/06/22		<u>40335(87)</u>	FRA solicits applications for the Railroad Crossing Elimination Program.

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FRA	Update	06/01/23	Class I Railroad Safety Assessment <i>Keywords: Rail; Safety</i>	<u>Letter</u>	FRA announces plans to conduct safety assessments of all Class I railroads.
FRA	Notice of Safety Advisory	04/27/23	Safety Advisory 2023-03; Accident Mitigation and Train Length <i>Keywords: Rail; Safety</i>	<u>27570(88)</u>	FRA issues safety advisory to address complexities associated with operating longer trains.
FRA	Notice of Safety Advisory	04/06/23	Safety Advisory 2023-02; Train Makeup and Operational Safety Concerns <i>Keywords: Rail; Safety</i>	<u>Update</u>	FRA issues safety advisory to address risks associated with train makeup.
FRA	Update	02/21/23	USDOT Secretary Buttigieg Calls on Rail Industry to Take Immediate, Commonsense Steps to Improve Accountability and Safety and Highlights Ways Congress Can Support these Efforts <i>Keywords: Rail; Safety</i>	<u>Notice</u>	USDOT calls for legislative, regulatory, and industry reforms to improve freight rail safety
GAO	Report	01/10/24	Discretionary Transportation Grants: DOT Should Improve Transparency in the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America Program <i>Keywords: Transportation Infrastructure Funding/Financing</i>	<u>Report</u>	GAO issues report recommending USDOT update its processes for evaluating INFRA applications.
GAO	Report	09/19/23	Improvements Needed to Federal System for Collecting and Addressing Complaints against Truck, Moving, and Bus Companies <i>Keywords: Trucks</i>	<u>Report</u>	GAO issues report recommending FMCSA improve transparency of complaints against motor carriers.
GAO	Report	04/25/23	Supply Chain: Updated Freight Handbook Could Enhance Stakeholder Decision-Making <i>Keywords: Intermodal</i>	<u>Report</u>	GAO issues report recommending USDOT update its Freight and Land Use Handbook.
Joint Office of Energy and Transportation	Strategy	03/12/24	National Zero-Emission Freight Corridor Strategy <i>Keywords: Freight; Emissions</i>	<u>Strategy</u>	Joint Office of Energy and Transportation issues strategy for transitioning to zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles.
MARAD	Notice	02/29/24	Notice of Solicitation of Nominations for Membership for the U.S. Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee	<u>14932(89)</u>	MARAD announces next MTSNAC meetings on 03/20/24 and 03/21/24.
	Notice of solicitation for membership	02/12/24	<i>Keywords: Ports, Cargo, Freight</i>	<u>9905(89)</u>	MARAD seeks nominations for Maritime Transportation System

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					National Advisory Committee, due 03/15/24.
MARAD	Update	01/03/24	Request for Comments on the Approval of a New Information Collection: Building American Production Capacity for Electric Port Equipment and Other Port Infrastructure Items <i>Keywords: Ports</i>	<u>Update</u>	MARAD launches survey on electric port equipment.
MARAD	Notice  NOFO	09/21/23  03/01/23	Notice of Funding Opportunity for America's Marine Highway Projects <i>Keywords: Ports, Cargo, Freight</i>	<u>Notice</u>  <u>Notice</u>	MARAD awards \$12 million to 8 marine highway projects.  MARAD solicits applications for the United States Marine Highway Program (USMHP).
NHTSA	Notice of public hearing	01/17/24	[Docket No. NHTSA-2022-0052] Advisory Committee on Underride Protection <i>Keywords: Truck</i>	<u>3020(89)</u>	Advisory Committee on Underride Protection announces public meetings on 02/08/24; 03/13/24; 04/24/24; and 05/22/24.
NHTSA	Notice of proposed rulemaking	07/06/23	[Docket No. NHTSA-2023-0023] RIN 2127-AM36 Heavy Vehicle Automatic Emergency Braking; AEB Test Devices <i>Keywords: Truck; Safety</i>	<u>43174(88)</u>	NHTSA proposes AEB system requirement for heavy-duty vehicles.
NHTSA	Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking	04/21/23	[Docket No. NHTSA-2023-0012] RIN 2127-AM54 Side Underride Guards <i>Keywords: Truck; Underrides</i>	<u>24535(88)</u>	NHTSA issues ANPRM to assess impacts of side underride guards installed on trailers and semitrailers.
NHTSA	Update  Notice	08/25/22  06/30/22	Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Rear Impact Guards, Rear Impact Protection <i>Keywords: Truck; Underrides</i>	<u>Petition</u>  <u>42339(87)</u>	Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety and Truck Safety Coalition petition NHTSA for reconsideration of final rule on rear impact guards  NHTSA issues final rule establishing new requirements for trailer and semitrailer rear impact guards.
NLRB	Decision	03/09/24	Standard for Determining Joint Employer Status 29 CFR Part 103 RIN 3142-AA21 <i>Keywords: Trucking</i>	<u>Decision</u>	U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas vacates NLRB joint employer rule.

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	Final rule; delay of effective date	11/22/23		<u>81344(88)</u>	NLRB postpones effective date to 02/26/24.
	Final Rule	10/27/23		<u>73946(88)</u>	NLRB issues new standard for determining whether two employers are joint employers, effective 12/26/23.
NLRB	Lawsuit	06/13/23	Board Modifies Independent Contractor Standard under National Labor Relations Act <i>Keywords: Employee Driver Mandates</i>	<u>Decision</u>	NLRB overturns Super Shuttle precedent in decision favoring classification of opera workers as employees rather than independent contractors.
PHMSA	Update	10/27/23	[Docket No. PHMSA-2016-0015 (HM-263)] Hazardous Materials: FAST Act Requirements for Real-Time Train Consist Information <i>Keywords: Rail; Safety</i>	<u>Letter</u>	Coalition of 13 Attorneys General send letter supporting PHMSA proposal and recommending additional requirements.
	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking	06/27/23		<u>Notice</u>	PHMSA proposes requiring railroads to provide real-time information on rail hazmat shipments to emergency response personnel.
U.S. Supreme Court	Update	12/15/22	Ohio v. CSX Transportation, Inc. <i>Keywords: Grade crossings; Rail Regulation</i>	<u>Brief</u>	19 states and DC file brief in support of Ohio's petition for Supreme Court review.
	Petition	11/10/22		<u>Petition</u>	Ohio requests U.S. Supreme Court review of case to determine jurisdiction of blocked crossing regulation.
USTR	Notice of investigation initiation, hearing, and request for comments.	04/17/24	Docket Nos. USTR-2024-0004, USTR-2024-0005 Initiation of Section 301 Investigation: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Targeting the Maritime, Logistics, and Shipbuilding Sectors for Dominance <i>Keywords: Supply Chain; Maritime</i>	<u>Notice</u>	USTR initiates investigation into China's practices impacting U.S. maritime, logistics, and shipbuilding sectors. Comments due 05/22/24.
USTR	Notice of additional public hearings and extension of post-	04/03/24	[Docket Number USTR-2024-0002] Request for Comments on Promoting Supply Chain Resilience <i>Keywords: Infrastructure</i>	<u>23079(89)</u>	USTR announces additional hearings to discuss strategies to advance supply chain resilience in trade negotiations on 05/14/24, 05/23/24, and 05/28/24.



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	hearing comment period  Request for comments and notice of public hearing	03/07/24		<u>16608(89)</u>	Post-hearing written comments due 06/04/24.  USTR seeks comments to inform strategies to advance supply chain resilience in trade negotiations, due 04/22/24, and public hearing on 05/02/24
USTR	Request for Comments  Notice  Notice  Announcement	10/13/22  09/08/22  05/05/22  09/17/18	[Docket Numbers USTR-2018-0018 and USTR-2018-0026] Notice of Action and Request for Public Comment Concerning Proposed Determination of Action Pursuant to Section 301: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation <i>Keywords: Intermodal; Shipping Containers; Chassis</i>	<u>62914(87)</u>  <u>55073(87)</u>  <u>26797(87)</u>  <u>Announcement</u>	USTR seeks comments evaluating effectiveness of Section 301 tariffs, due 01/17/23.  USTR announces it received requests to continue Section 301 tariffs. Tariffs will remain in effect subject to pending review.  USTR initiates four-year review of all tariffs under Section 301, including those related to chassis.  USTR publishes finalized \$200 billion tariff list and announces the list will be subject to a 10 percent tariff starting 09/14/18, Chassis produced in China are subject to the duty.