

contractor that conducts the operation, or both, responsible for compliance with this section and subject to civil penalties under § 241.17.

**§ 241.13 Prohibition against track owner's requiring or permitting use of its line for a railroad operation dispatched by an extraterritorial dispatcher; exceptions.**

(a) *General.* Except as provided in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of this section, an owner of railroad track located in the United States shall not require or permit the track to be used for a railroad operation that is dispatched from outside the United States.

(b) *Emergencies.* (1) In an emergency situation, an owner of railroad track located in the United States may require or permit the track to be used for a railroad operation that is dispatched from outside the United States, provided that:

(i) The dispatching railroad notifies the FRA Regional Administrator of each FRA region where the operation was conducted, in writing as soon as practicable, of the emergency, and

(ii) The extraterritorial dispatching is limited to the duration of the emergency.

(2) Written notification may be made either on paper or by electronic mail.

(c) *Grandfathering.* An owner of a track segment located in the United States, the operation of which track segment was normally controlled during the month of December 1999 by a dispatcher located in a foreign country or in a territory or possession of the United States, may require or permit the track segment to be used for a railroad operation that is dispatched from that foreign country or that territory or possession of the United States.

(d) *Fringe border operations.* In order to facilitate the safety and efficiency of international train movements, an owner of railroad track located in the United States immediately adjacent to the border of either Canada or Mexico may require or permit the track to be used for a railroad operation that is dispatched from Canada or Mexico if all of the following conditions apply:

(1) The United States trackage being dispatched does not exceed 100 route miles;

(2) Except for unforeseen circumstances such as equipment failure, accident, casualty or incapacitation of a crew member, each train must be under the control of the same assigned crew for the entire trip over the trackage; and

(3)(i) Train movements on the rail line both originate and terminate in either Canada or Mexico without the pick up, set out, or interchange of cars in the United States; in other words, the traffic on the rail line is "bridge traffic" only; or

(ii) In the case of any other rail line, the rail line involved is—

(A) Under the exclusive control of a single dispatching district ("desk"); and

(B) The portion of the line being dispatched extends no farther into the United States than the first of any of the following locations: interchange point; signal control point; junction of two rail lines; established crew change point; yard or yard limits location; inspection point for U.S. Customs, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Agriculture, or other governmental inspection; or location where there is a change in the method of train operations.

(e) *Liability.* The Administrator may hold either the track owner or the assignee under § 213.5(c) of this chapter (if any), or both, responsible for compliance with this section and subject to civil penalties under § 241.17. A common carrier by railroad that is directed by the Surface Transportation Board to provide service over the track in the United States of another railroad under 49 U.S.C. 11123 is considered the owner of that track for the purposes of the application of this section during the period that the directed service order remains in effect.

**§ 241.15 Geographical boundaries of FRA's regions and addresses of FRA's regional headquarters.**

For purposes of providing emergency notification to the appropriate FRA Regional Administrator(s) as required by §§ 241.9(b), 241.11(b), and 241.13(b), the geographical boundaries of FRA's eight regions and the addresses for the regional headquarters of those regions are listed in Appendix B to this part.