

4018 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (49 U.S.C. 31305).

Section 4129 requires: (1) Elimination of the requirement for 3 years of experience operating CMVs while being treated with insulin; and (2) establishment of a specified minimum period of insulin use to demonstrate stable control of diabetes before being allowed to operate a CMV.

In response to section 4129, FMCSA made immediate revisions to the diabetes exemption program established by the September 3, 2003 notice. FMCSA discontinued use of the 3-year driving experience and fulfilled the requirements of section 4129 while continuing to ensure that operation of CMVs by drivers with ITDM will achieve the requisite level of safety required of all exemptions granted under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e).

Section 4129(d) also directed FMCSA to ensure that drivers of CMVs with ITDM are not held to a higher standard than other drivers, with the exception of limited operating, monitoring and medical requirements that are deemed medically necessary. The FMCSA concluded that all of the operating, monitoring and medical requirements set out in the September 3, 2003 notice, except as modified, were in compliance with section 4129(d). Therefore, all of the requirements set out in the September 3, 2003 notice, except as modified by the notice in the **Federal Register** on November 8, 2005 (70 FR 67777), remain in effect.

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Associate Administrator, Office of Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2000-8398; FMCSA-2002-13411; FMCSA-2003-14223; FMCSA-2004-17984; FMCSA-2004-19477; FMCSA-2005-20027; FMCSA-2005-22727; FMCSA-2007-27333; FMCSA-2007-27897; FMCSA-2006-25246; FMCSA-2008-0340; FMCSA-2008-0398; FMCSA-2009-0054]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of exemptions; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to renew the exemptions from the vision requirement in the Federal

Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 40 individuals. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemption renewals will provide a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

DATES: This decision is effective May 7, 2011. Comments must be received on or before May 18, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) numbers: FMCSA-2000-8398; FMCSA-2002-13411; FMCSA-2003-14223; FMCSA-2004-17984; FMCSA-2004-19477; FMCSA-2005-20027; FMCSA-2005-22727; FMCSA-2007-27333; FMCSA-2007-27897; FMCSA-2006-25246; FMCSA-2008-0340; FMCSA-2008-0398; FMCSA-2009-0054, using any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- **Mail:** Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- **Hand Delivery or Courier:** West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.
- **Fax:** 1-202-493-2251.

Instructions: Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number for this notice. Note that DOT posts all comments received without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information included in a comment. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or Room W12-140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. If you want acknowledgment that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or

postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments on-line.

Privacy Act: Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's Privacy Act Statement for the FDMS published in the **Federal Register** on January 17, 2008 (73 FR 3316), or you may visit <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-785.pdf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Mary D. Gunnels, Director, Medical Programs, (202) 366-4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W64-224, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may renew an exemption from the vision requirements in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce, for a two-year period if it finds "such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption." The procedures for requesting an exemption (including renewals) are set out in 49 CFR part 381.

Exemption Decision

This notice addresses 40 individuals who have requested renewal of their exemptions in accordance with FMCSA procedures. FMCSA has evaluated these 40 applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable two-year period. They are:

Rex A. Botsford
Curtis F. Caddy, III.
William D. Cardiff
Roger C. Carson
Dan B. Clark
Gregory L. Cooper
Kenneth D. Craig
Terry J. Dare
Christopher A. Deadman
Vincent C. Durazzo, Jr.
Jerald O. Edwards
Breck L. Falcon
Kenneth Flack, Jr.
Maylin E. Frickey
David R. Gross
Vincent E. Hardin
Larry M. Hawkins

Francisco J. Jimenez
 Christopher J. Kane
 Kenneth C. Keil
 Paul R. Kerpsie
 Melvin A. Kleman
 Michael Lafferty
 Roosevelt Lawson
 Eugene R. Lydick
 Emanuel N. Malone
 Roberto E. Martinez
 Travis W. Neiwert
 Barbara C. Pennington
 Luis H. Sanchez
 George K. Sizemore
 James A. Smith
 Clarence L. Swann, Jr.
 David R. Thomas
 Michael G. Trueblood
 Donald A. Uplinger, II.
 Kerry W. VanStory
 Manuel A. Vargas
 Steven M. Vujicic
 Joseph Watkins

The exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: (1) That each individual has a physical examination every year (a) by an ophthalmologist or optometrist who attests that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the standard in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), and (b) by a medical examiner who attests that the individual is otherwise physically qualified under 49 CFR 391.41; (2) that each individual provides a copy of the ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report to the medical examiner at the time of the annual medical examination; and (3) that each individual provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver's qualification file and retains a copy of the certification on his/her person while driving for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official. Each exemption will be valid for two years unless rescinded earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be rescinded if: (1) The person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315.

Basis for Renewing Exemptions

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1), an exemption may be granted for no longer than two years from its approval date and may be renewed upon application for additional two year periods. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, each of the 40 applicants has satisfied the entry conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirements (65 FR 78256; 66 FR

16311; 67 FR 76439; 68 FR 10298; 68 FR 10301; 68 FR 13360; 68 FR 19596; 69 FR 33997; 69 FR 61292; 69 FR 64806; 70 FR 16886; 70 FR 16887; 70 FR 2701; 70 FR 2705; 70 FR 7543; 70 FR 71884; 71 FR 4632; 72 FR 11426; 72 FR 11425; 72 FR 12666; 72 FR 18726; 72 FR 180; 72 FR 184; 72 FR 5489; 72 FR 25831; 72 FR 39879; 72 FR 52419; 72 FR 18726; 72 FR 9397; 73 FR 6246; 73 FR 75803; 74 FR 15584; 74 FR 15586; 74 FR 11988; 74 FR 11991; 74 FR 21427; 74 FR 6209; 74 FR 6211; 74 FR 7097; 74 FR 8842). Each of these 40 applicants has requested renewal of the exemption and has submitted evidence showing that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the standard specified at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) and that the vision impairment is stable. In addition, a review of each record of safety while driving with the respective vision deficiencies over the past two years indicates each applicant continues to meet the vision exemption standards. These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver's ability to continue to drive safely in interstate commerce. Therefore, FMCSA concludes that extending the exemption for each renewal applicant for a period of two years is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

Request for Comments

FMCSA will review comments received at any time concerning a particular driver's safety record and determine if the continuation of the exemption is consistent with the requirements at 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315. However, FMCSA requests that interested parties with specific data concerning the safety records of these drivers submit comments by May 18, 2011.

FMCSA believes that the requirements for a renewal of an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 can be satisfied by initially granting the renewal and then requesting and evaluating, if needed, subsequent comments submitted by interested parties. As indicated above, the Agency previously published notices of final disposition announcing its decision to exempt these 40 individuals from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). The final decision to grant an exemption to each of these individuals was made on the merits of each case and made only after careful consideration of the comments received to its notices of applications. The notices of applications stated in detail the qualifications, experience, and medical condition of each applicant for an exemption from the vision

requirements. That information is available by consulting the above cited **Federal Register** publications.

Interested parties or organizations possessing information that would otherwise show that any, or all, of these drivers are not currently achieving the statutory level of safety should immediately notify FMCSA. The Agency will evaluate any adverse evidence submitted and, if safety is being compromised or if continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption of a driver.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. FD 35484]

Arkansas Shortline Railroads, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Dardanelle & Russellville Railroad, Inc., Ouachita Railroad, and Camden & Southern Railroad, Inc.

Arkansas Shortline Railroads, Inc. (ASR), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of Camden & Southern Railroad, Inc. (C&S), upon C&S's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

This transaction is related to a verified notice of exemption filed on April 7, 2011, in Docket No. FD 35483, *Camden & Southern Railroad, Inc.—Lease & Operation Exemption—Camden Area Industrial Development Corporation*. In that proceeding, C&S seeks an exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease and operate 17,837 feet of trackage owned by Camden Area Industrial Development Corporation, located at Zone JH482, Yard 06, opposite milepost 463 of Union Pacific Railroad Company's Gurdon Subdivision, Camden, Ouachita County, Ark.

The parties intend to consummate the transaction on or shortly after the effective date of the related notice.

ASR currently controls 2 Class III railroads, Dardanelle & Russellville Railroad, Inc. and Ouachita Railroad.

ASR represents that: (1) The rail line to be operated by C&S does not connect with any other railroads in the corporate family; (2) the transaction is not part of