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Dated: October 7, 2008.

**Marcce Craighill,**

*Secretary, Fine Arts Committee, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2007-0108]

#### National Task Force to Develop Model Contingency Plans to Deal with Lengthy Airline On-Board Ground Delays

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OST), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the National Task Force to Develop Model Contingency Plans to Deal with Lengthy Airline On-Board Ground Delays.

**DATES:** The Task Force meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The Task Force meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, in the Oklahoma City Conference Room on the lobby level of the West Building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE TASK FORCE:** Livaughn Chapman, Jr., or Kathleen Blank-Riether, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., W-96-429, Washington, DC 20590-0001; Phone: (202) 366-9342; Fax: (202) 366-7152; E-mail: [Livaughn.Chapman@dot.gov](mailto:Livaughn.Chapman@dot.gov), or [Kathleen.Blankriether@dot.gov](mailto:Kathleen.Blankriether@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and the General Services Administration regulations covering management of Federal advisory committees, 41 CFR Part 102-3, this notice announces a meeting of the National Task Force to Develop Model Contingency Plans to Deal with Lengthy Airline On-Board Ground Delays. The meeting will be held on November 12, 2008, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, in the Oklahoma City Conference Room on the lobby level of the West Building.

DOT's Office of Inspector General recommended, in its audit report, entitled "Actions Needed to Minimize Long, On-Board Flight Delays," issued on September 25, 2007, that the Secretary of Transportation establish a national task force of airlines, airports, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to coordinate and develop contingency plans to deal with lengthy delays, such as working with carriers and airports to share facilities and make gates available in an emergency. To effectuate this recommendation, on January 3, 2008, the Department, consistent with the requirements of the FACA, established the National Task Force to Develop Model Contingency Plans to Deal with Lengthy Airline On-Board Ground Delays. The first meeting of the Task Force took place on February 26, 2008. The November 12, 2008, meeting will be the seventh and final meeting of the task force.

The agenda topics for the November 12, 2008, meeting will include a vote by Task Force members for or against recommending the contingency planning document to the Secretary of Transportation as a tool to help manage/minimize the impact of lengthy on-board ground delays, and presentations by Task Force members on their views of the contingency planning document.

Attendance is open to the public, and time will be provided for comments by members of the public. Since access to the U.S. DOT headquarters building is controlled for security purposes, any member of the general public who plans to attend this meeting must notify the Department contact noted above no later than ten (10) calendar days prior to the meeting. Attendance will be necessarily limited by the size of the meeting room.

Members of the public may present written comments at any time and, at the discretion of the Chairman and time permitting, oral comments at the meeting. Any oral comments permitted must be limited to agenda items and will be limited to five (5) minutes per person. Members of the public who wish to present oral comments must notify the Department contact noted above via e-mail at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the meeting that they wish to attend and present oral comments. For the November 12, 2008, meeting, no more than one hour will be set aside for oral comments. Although written material may be filed in the docket at any time, comments regarding upcoming meeting topics should be sent to the Task Force docket. (10) calendar days prior to the meeting. Members of the public may also contact the

Department contact noted above to be placed on the Task Force mailing list.

Persons with a disability requiring special accommodations, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should get in touch with the Department contact noted above at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting.

Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with the FACA and the General Service Administration regulations covering management of Federal advisory committees.

Issued on: October 9, 2008.

**Samuel Podberesky,**

*Assistant General Counsel for Aviation Enforcement & Proceedings, U.S. Department of Transportation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2008-45]

#### Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of petition for exemption received.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

**DATE:** Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before November 4, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA-2008-0927 using any of the following methods:

- *Government-wide rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.
- *Mail:* Send comments to the Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Fax:* Fax comments to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.
- *Hand Delivery:* Bring comments to the Docket Management Facility in

Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Privacy:** We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. Using the search function of our docket Web site, anyone can find and read the comments received into any of our dockets, including the name of the individual sending the comment (or signing the comment for an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78).

**Docket:** To read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Frances Shaver, (202) 267-9681, or Katrina Holiday, (202) 267-3603, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

This notice is published pursuant to 14 CFR 11.85.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 9, 2008.

**Pamela Hamilton-Powell,**  
*Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

#### **Petition for Exemption**

*Docket No.:* FAA-2008-0927.

*Petitioner:* Honeywell, Defense & Space Electronics System.

*Section of 14 CFR Affected:*  
§ 21.195(d)(2).

*Description of Relief Sought:*

Honeywell requests an exemption to gain an experimental airworthiness certificate to conduct customer crew training with less than 50 flight hours.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Highway Administration**

#### **Buy America Waiver Notification**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides information regarding the FHWA's

finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate for certain steel products used in Federal-aid bridge construction projects in North Carolina.

**DATES:** The effective date of the waiver is October 16, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions about this notice, please contact Mr. Gerald Yakowenko, FHWA Office of Program Administration, (202) 366-1562, [gerald.yakowenko@dot.gov](mailto:gerald.yakowenko@dot.gov). For legal questions, please contact Mr. Michael Harkins, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-4928, [michael.harkins@dot.gov](mailto:michael.harkins@dot.gov). Office hours for the FHWA are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Electronic Access**

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##### **Background**

The FHWA's Buy America policy in 23 CFR 635.410 requires a domestic manufacturing process for any steel or iron products (including protective coatings) that are permanently incorporated in a Federal-aid construction project. The regulation also provides for a waiver of the Buy America requirements when application of the requirements would be inconsistent with the public interest or when satisfactory quality domestic steel and iron products are not sufficiently available. This notice provides information regarding the FHWA's finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate for specialty machinery and motor brakes used on certain bridge projects in North Carolina.

In accordance with section 130 of Division K of the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008" (Pub. L. 110-161), on August 21, 2008, the FHWA published on its Web site a notice of intent to issue a waiver for machinery and motor brakes (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm?id=19>). The FHWA received one comment which supported the waiver if it is not for multiple applications. During the 15-day comment period, the FHWA conducted an additional nationwide review to locate potential domestic manufacturers of machinery and motor brakes. Based on all the information available to the Agency, including the response received to the notice as well as the Agency's nationwide review, the

FHWA concludes that there are no domestic manufacturers for these products, and a Buy America waiver is appropriate as provided by 23 CFR 635.410(c)(1).

In accordance with the provisions of section 117 of the "SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008" (Pub. L. 110-244, 122 Stat.1572), the FHWA is providing this notice as its finding that a waiver of Buy America requirements is appropriate. The FHWA invites public comment on this finding for an additional 15 days following the effective date of the finding. Comments may be submitted to the FHWA's Web site via the links above to the North Carolina waiver pages noted above.

**Authority:** 23 U.S.C. 313; Pub. L. 110-161, 23 CFR 635.410.

Issued on: October 6, 2008.

**Thomas J. Madison, Jr.,**  
*Federal Highway Administrator.*  
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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[FMCSA Docket No. FMCSA-2008-0175]

#### **Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Diabetes**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final disposition.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to exempt forty-seven individuals from its rule prohibiting persons with insulin-treated diabetes mellitus (ITDM) from operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. The exemptions will enable these individuals to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** The exemptions are effective October 15, 2008. The exemptions expire on October 15, 2010.

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

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Electronic Access**

You may see all the comments online through the Federal Document