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II. Background

On September 10, 2018, FMCSA published a notice announcing its decision to renew exemptions for 16 individuals from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8) to operate a CMV in interstate commerce and requested comments from the public (83 FR 45734). The public comment period ended on October 10, 2018, and no comments were received.

As stated in the previous notice, FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that renewing these exemptions would achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by complying with the current regulation 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding epilepsy found in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause the loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a CMV.

In addition to the regulations, FMCSA has published advisory criteria to assist Medical Examiners in determining whether drivers with certain medical conditions are qualified to operate a CMV in interstate commerce (49 CFR part 391, APPENDIX A TO PART 391—MEDICAL ADVISORY CRITERIA, section H. Epilepsy: § 391.41(b)(8), paragraphs 3, 4, and 5).

III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this preceding.

IV. Conclusion

Based on its evaluation of the 16 renewal exemption applications, FMCSA announces its decision to exempt the following drivers from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8).

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following groups of drivers received renewed exemptions in the month of June and are discussed below.

As of June 9, 2018 and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following ten individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (83 FR 45734):

Henry Counts, Jr. (MD)
David P. Crowe (VA)
Michael D. Davis (ME)
Dennis R. Gilles (IN)
Larry G. Hediger (IL)
Eric J. McVetty (NH)
Donald J. Richmond (SC)
Kevin L. Sprinkle (NC)
Patrick J. Trimbo (MN)
Alan K. Washabaugh (PA)

These drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA-2013-0109 and FMCSA-2015-0322. Their exemptions are applicable as of June 9, 2018, and will expire on June 9, 2020.

As of June 24, 2018 and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following six individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the epilepsy and

seizure disorders prohibition in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (83 FR 45734):

Heath A. Crowe (LA) Peter Della-Rocco, Jr. (PA) Domenick R. Panfile (NJ) Milton N. Tatham (NV) Thomas H. Tincher (NC) Duane A. Troff (MN)

These drivers were included in docket number FMCSA-2013-0444. Their exemptions are applicable as of June 24, 2018, and will expire on June 24, 2020.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315, each exemption will be valid for two years from the effective date unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if the following occurs: (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 prior to being granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136 and 31315.

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Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-1999-6156; FMCSA-1999-6480; FMCSA-2002-11714; FMCSA-2005-23099; FMCSA-2006-24015; FMCSA-2006-24783; FMCSA-2007-27515; FMCSA-2008-0021; FMCSA-2008-0106; FMCSA-2008-0174; FMCSA-2009-0206; FMCSA-2009-0291; FMCSA-2009-0303; FMCSA-2009-0321; FMCSA-2010-0050; FMCSA-2010-0082; FMCSA-2010-0114; FMCSA-2011-0299; FMCSA-2011-0324; FMCSA-2011-0379; FMCSA-2012-0039; FMCSA-2012-0104; FMCSA-2012-0106; FMCSA-2012-0159; FMCSA-2012-0160; FMCSA-2012-0161; FMCSA-2013-0174; FMCSA-2014-0002; FMCSA-2014-0003; FMCSA-2014-0005; FMCSA-2014-0006; FMCSA-2014-0007; FMCSA-2014-0008; FMCSA-2016-0024; FMCSA-2016-0027; FMCSA-2016-0028; FMCSA-2016-0030]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT. **ACTION:** Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 100 individuals from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for interstate

commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. The exemptions enable these individuals to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce without meeting the vision requirement in one eye.

DATES: Each group of renewed exemptions were applicable on the dates stated in the discussions below and will expire on the dates stated in the discussions below.

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Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, 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., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Services, telephone (202) 366–9826.

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II. Background

On July 20, 2018, FMCSA published a notice announcing its decision to renew exemptions for 100 individuals from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) to operate a CMV in interstate commerce and requested comments from the public (83 FR 34661). The public comment period ended on August 20, 2018, and no comments were received.

As stated in the previous notice, FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that renewing these exemptions would achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved by complying with the current regulation 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding vision found in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) states that a person is physically qualified to driver a CMV if that person has distant visual acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in each eye without corrective lenses or visual acuity separately corrected to 20/40 (Snellen) or better with corrective lenses, distant binocular acuity of a least 20/40 (Snellen) in both eyes with or without corrective lenses, field of vision of at least 70° in the horizontal meridian in each eye, and the ability to recognize the colors of traffic signals and devices showing red, green, and amber.

III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this preceding.

IV. Conclusion

Based on its evaluation of the 100 renewal exemption applications and comments received, FMCSA confirms its' decision to exempt the following drivers from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10):

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following groups of drivers received renewed exemptions in the month of August and are discussed below.

As of August 1, 2018, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 39 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision

requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (64 FR 54948; 64 FR 68195; 65 FR 159; 65 FR 20251; 67 FR 10475; 67 FR 15662; 67 FR 17102; 67 FR 37907; 69 FR 8260; 69 FR 17267; 69 FR 26206; 71 FR 4194; 71 FR 6824; 71 FR 13450; 71 FR 16410; 71 FR 26601; 71 FR 26602; 71 FR 32183; 71 FR 41310; 72 FR 21313; 72 FR 32703; 73 FR 15255; 73 FR 15567; 73 FR 27015; 73 FR 27017; 73 FR 28186; 73 FR 36955; 74 FR 26464; 74 FR 43217; 74 FR 57551; 74 FR 60022; 74 FR 65842; 75 FR 1835; 75 FR 4623; 75 FR 9478; 75 FR 9482; 75 FR 14656; 75 FR 19674; 75 FR 20882; 75 FR 25917; 75 FR 27621; 75 FR 27622; 75 FR 27623; 75 FR 28682; 75 FR 36778; 75 FR 36779; 75 FR 39727; 76 FR 37173; 76 FR 75942; 77 FR 7657; 77 FR 10606; 77 FR 13689; 77 FR 15184; 77 FR 20879; 77 FR 22059; 77 FR 23797; 77 FR 26816; 77 FR 27847; 77 FR 27849; 77 FR 27850; 77 FR 29447; 77 FR 31427; 77 FR 33017; 77 FR 36338; 77 FR 38384; 77 FR 38386; 77 FR 44708; 78 FR 57679; 78 FR 67452; 78 FR 67460; 78 FR 78477; 79 FR 1908; 79 FR 10606; 79 FR 10608; 79 FR 14328; 79 FR 14333; 79 FR 14571; 79 FR 17641; 79 FR 18390; 79 FR 21996; 79 FR 22003; 79 FR 23797; 79 FR 27043: 79 FR 27681: 79 FR 28588: 79 FR 29495; 79 FR 35212; 79 FR 35218; 79 FR 35220; 79 FR 38649; 79 FR 38661; 79 FR 47175; 80 FR 49302; 80 FR 63869; 80 FR 80443; 81 FR 20433; 81 FR 20435; 81 FR 21655; 81 FR 26305; 81 FR 28138; 81 FR 39320; 81 FR 66718; 81 FR 66720; 81 FR 66724; 81 FR 77173; 81 FR 90050; 81 FR 91239; 81 FR 96196): Julian Aguirre (TX) Daniel A. Bahm (FL) Kenneth J. Bernard (LA) Brad T. Braegger (UT) Walter M. Brown (SC) Daniel M. Cannon (OR) Cary Carn (NJ) Ryan E. Cox (WI) William C. Dempsey, Jr. (MA) Richard W. Ellis (IA) Ronald D. Flanery (KY) Nicholas C. Georgen (IA) Luis Gomez-Banda (NV) Gary A. Goostree (OH) Joshua V. Harrison (NJ) Wesley V. Holland (NC) Timothy B. Hummel (KY) Walter J. Jurczak (NJ) Charles J. Kennedy (OH) Randall L. Mathis (AL) Brian D. McClanahan (IL) Lawrence C. Moody (NJ) Norman V. Myers (WA) Earl R. Neugerbauer (CO) Hassan Ourahou (KY) Joe Ramirez (CA) Tommy L. Ray, Jr. (AL) Justin T. Richman (IN) Kevin L. Routin (KY)

Scott J. Schlenker (WA)

Andrew W. Schollett (CO) Michael D. Singleton (IN) John C. Smith (IL) Temesgn H. Teklezig (WA) George W. Thomas (SC) Gary R. Thomas (OH) Leslie D. Wallace (MO) Wade W. Ward (WY) John T. White, Jr. (NC)

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA-1999-6156; FCMSA-1999-6480; FCMSA-2002-11714; FCMSA-2005-23099; FCMSA-2006-24783; FCMSA-2007-27515; FCMSA-2008-0021; FCMSA-2009-0206; FCMSA-2009-0291; FCMSA-2009-0303; FCMSA-2009-0321; FCMSA-2010-0050; FCMSA-2010-0082; FCMSA-2011-0299; FCMSA-2011-0324; FCMSA-2011-0379; FCMSA-2012-0039; FCMSA-2012-0104; FCMSA-2012-0106; FCMSA-2013-0174; FCMSA-2014-0002; FCMSA-2014-0003; FCMSA-2014-0005; FCMSA-2014-0006; FCMSA-2016-0024; FCMSA-2016-0027; FCMSA-2016-0028. Their exemptions are applicable as of August 1, 2018, and will expire on August 1, 2020.

As of August 6, 2018, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following five individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (75 FR 25918; 75 FR 39729; 77 FR 15184; 77 FR 27850; 77 FR 36336; 77 FR 36338; 77 FR 46795; 79 FR 38661; 81 FR 90050):

William L. Martin (OR) Richard L. Miller (IN) Lance C. Phares (NY) Richard D. Tucker II (NC) Jay Turner (OH)

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA–2010–0082; FMCSA– 2011–0379; FMCSA–2012–0159. Their exemptions are applicable as of August 6, 2018, and will expire on August 6, 2020.

As of August 8, 2018, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 16 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (79 FR 38659; 79 FR 53514; 81 FR 90050):

Jimmy A. Baker (TX)
Antonio A. Calixto (MN)
James W. Carter, Jr. (KS)
Larry G. Davis (TN)
Michael C. Doheny (CT)
George P. Ford (NC)
Ronnie L. Henry (KS)
Johnny L. Irving (MS)
Kevin L. Jones (SC)
Keith A. Kelley (ME)

David L. Miller (OH)
David Perkins (NY)
Randall H. Tempel (MT)
Cory J. Tivnan (WA)
Ricky W. Witt (IA)
John D. Woods (MI)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2014–0007. Their exemptions are applicable as of August 8, 2018, and will expire on August 8, 2020

As of August 9, 2018, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following four individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (75 FR 34210; 75 FR 34211; 75 FR 34212; 75 FR 27888; 77 FR 40945; 79 FR 40945; 81 FR 90050):

Mark S. Berkheimer (PA) Michael A. Jabro (MI) Buddy W. Myrick (TX) Charles L. Rill, Sr. (MD)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2010–0114. Their exemptions are applicable as of August 9, 2018, and will expire on August 9, 2020.

As of August 12, 2018, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following ten individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (81 FR 45214; 81 FR 66726):

David E. Campbell (NY)
James G. Cothren (GA)
Nenad Harnos (NJ)
Matthew D. Hormann (MN)
James W. Jones (AL)
Duane R. Martin (PA)
Roger S. Orr (IA)
Richard D. Shryock (MO)
Steven D. Sodders (OH)
Keith R. Tyler (NC)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA-2016-0014. Their exemptions are applicable as of August 12, 2018, and will expire on August 12, 2020.

As of August 18, 2018, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 22 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (71 FR 14567; 71 FR 30228; 73 FR 28187; 73 FR 35195; 73 FR 35196; 73 FR 35197; 73 FR 35198; 73 FR 35199; 73 FR 35201; 73 FR 38498; 73 FR 38499; 73 FR 48273; 73 FR 48275; 75 FR 25919; 75 FR 39729; 75 FR 44051; 77 FR 46153; 79 FR 46153; 81 FR 90050): Donald L. Carman (OH)

Christopher R. Cone (GA) Walter O. Connelly (WA) Roger D. Elders (MI) Lucious J. Erwin (TX) Riche Ford (CO) Kevin K. Friedel (NY) Steven G. Harter (OR) Andrew C. Kelly (WV) Jason W. King (MT) Billy J. Lewis (LA) Robert W. McMillian (MA) Richard A. Peterson (OR) Carroll G. Quisenberry (KY) Ryan J. Reimann (WI) Brandon J. See (IA) Ricky L. Shepler (PA) John L. Stone (PA) Nils S. Thornberg (OR) Daniel W. Toppings (WV) Christopher R. Whitson (NC) Aaron E. Wright (MI)

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA-2006-24015; FMCSA-2008-0106; FMCSA-2008-0174; FMCSA-2010-0082. Their exemptions are applicable as of August 18, 2018, and will expire on August 18, 2020.

As of August 19, 2018, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following two individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (79 FR 41737; 79 FR 56102; 81 FR 90050): Leamon V. Manchester (LA); Leverne F. Schulte, Jr. (OH)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA-2014-0008. Their exemptions are applicable as of August 19, 2018, and will expire on August 19,

As of August 27, 2018, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, Gregory S. Smith (AR) has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (77 FR 38381; 77 FR 51846; 79 FR 41740; 81 FR 90050).

The driver was included in docket number FMCSA-2012-0160. The exemption is applicable as of August 27, 2018, and will expire on August 27, 2020.

As of August 29, 2018, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, Rickey W. Goins (TN) has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (77 FR 41879; 77 FR 52391; 79 FR 41735; 81 FR 90050).

The driver was included in docket number FMCSA-2012-0161. The exemption is applicable as of August 29, 2018, and will expire on August 29, 2020. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315, each exemption will be valid for two years from the effective date unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if the following occurs: (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 prior to being granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136 and 31315.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[FMCSA Docket No. FMCSA-2018-0204]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Diabetes Mellitus

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT. **ACTION:** Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to exempt 38 individuals from the prohibition in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) against persons with insulin-treated diabetes mellitus (ITDM) from operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) in interstate commerce. The exemptions enable these individuals with ITDM to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

DATES: The exemptions were applicable on October 11, 2018. The exemptions expire on October 11, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, (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., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Services, telephone (202) 366–9826.

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II. Background

On September 10, 2018, FMCSA published a notice announcing receipt of applications from 38 individuals requesting an exemption from diabetes requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3) and requested comments from the public (83 FR 45728). The public comment period ended on October 10, 2018, and one comment was received.

FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that granting the exemptions to these individuals would achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved by complying with the current regulation 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding diabetes found in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of diabetes mellitus currently requiring insulin for control.

III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received one comment in this proceeding. Vicky Johnson submitted a comment regarding Jerome E. Haskin and Clarence S. Waldner indicating that the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (MN DPS) has no objections to these drivers being granted a Federal diabetes exemption.

IV. Basis for Exemption Determination

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption for up to five years from the diabetes standard in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3) if the exemption

is likely to achieve an equivalent or greater level of safety than would be achieved without the exemption. The exemption allows the applicants to operate CMVs in interstate commerce. FMCSA grants exemptions from the FMCSRs for a two-year period to align with the maximum duration of a driver's medical certification.

The Agency's decision regarding these exemption applications is based on the program eligibility criteria and an individualized assessment of information submitted by each applicant. The qualifications, experience, and medical condition of each applicant were stated and discussed in detail in the September 10, 2018, **Federal Register** notice (83 FR 45728) and will not be repeated in this notice.

These 38 applicants have had ITDM over a range of 1 to 49 years. These applicants report no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness or seizure, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning symptoms, in the past 12 months and no recurrent (two or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the past five years. In each case, an endocrinologist verified that the driver has demonstrated a willingness to properly monitor and manage his/her diabetes mellitus, received education related to diabetes management, and is on a stable insulin regimen. These drivers report no other disqualifying conditions, including diabetes related complications. Each meets the vision requirement at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10).

Consequently, FMCSA finds that in each case exempting these applicants from the diabetes requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3) is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

V. Conditions and Requirements

The terms and conditions of the exemption are provided to the applicants in the exemption document and includes the following: (1) Each driver must submit a quarterly monitoring checklist completed by the treating endocrinologist as well as an annual checklist with a comprehensive medical evaluation; (2) each driver must report within two business days of occurrence, all episodes of severe hypoglycemia, significant complications, or inability to manage diabetes; also, any involvement in an accident or any other adverse event in a CMV or personal vehicle, whether or not it is related to an episode of hypoglycemia; (3) each driver must