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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0122; FMCSA-2013-0123; FMCSA-2013-0125; FMCSA-2014-0102; FMCSA-2014-0107; FMCSA-2015-0327; FMCSA-2015-0328; FMCSA-2015-0329; FMCSA-2017-0057; FMCSA-2017-0059; FMCSA-2017-0060; FMCSA-2018-0139; FMCSA-2019-0109; FMCSA-2019-0111; FMCSA-2020-0024; FMCSA-2020-0025]

### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Hearing

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

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

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 40 individuals from the hearing requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. The exemptions enable these hard of hearing and deaf individuals to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** Each group of renewed exemptions were applicable on the dates stated in the discussions below and will expire on the dates provided below. Comments must be received on or before September 9, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by the Federal Docket Management System Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0122, Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0123, Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0125, Docket No. FMCSA-2014-0102, Docket No. FMCSA-2014-0107, Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0327, Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0328, Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0329, Docket No. FMCSA-2017-0057, Docket No. FMCSA-2017-0059, Docket No. FMCSA-2017-0060, Docket No. FMCSA-2018-0139, Docket No. FMCSA-2019-0109, Docket No. FMCSA-2019-0111, Docket No. FMCSA-2020-0024, or Docket No. FMCSA-2020-0025 using any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to [www.regulations.gov/](http://www.regulations.gov/); insert the docket number, FMCSA-2013-0122, FMCSA-2013-0123, FMCSA-2013-0125, FMCSA-2014-0102, FMCSA-2014-0107, FMCSA-2015-0327, FMCSA-2015-0328, FMCSA-2015-0329, FMCSA-2017-0057, FMCSA-2017-0059, FMCSA-2017-0060, FMCSA-2018-0139, FMCSA-2019-0109, FMCSA-2019-0111, FMCSA-2020-0024, or FMCSA-2020-0025 in the keyword box, and click "Search." Next, sort the results by "Posted (Newer-Older)," choose the first notice listed, and click on the "Comment" button. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- **Mail:** Dockets Operations; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- **Hand Delivery:** West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

- **Fax:** (202) 493-2251.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the "Public Participation" portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for instructions on submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, (202) 366-4001, [fmcamedical@dot.gov](mailto:fmcamedical@dot.gov), FMCSA, DOT, 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 Dockets Operations, (202) 366-9826.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Public Participation

##### A. Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0122, Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0123, Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0125, Docket No. FMCSA-2014-0102, Docket No. FMCSA-2014-0107, Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0327, Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0328, Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0329, Docket No. FMCSA-2017-0057, Docket No. FMCSA-2017-0059, Docket No. FMCSA-2017-0060, Docket No. FMCSA-2018-0139, Docket No. FMCSA-2019-0109, Docket No. FMCSA-2019-0111, Docket No.

FMCSA-2020-0024, or Docket No. FMCSA-2020-0025), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so that FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to [www.regulations.gov/](http://www.regulations.gov/), insert the docket number, FMCSA-2013-0122, FMCSA-2013-0123, FMCSA-2013-0125, FMCSA-2014-0102, FMCSA-2014-0107, FMCSA-2015-0327, FMCSA-2015-0328, FMCSA-2015-0329, FMCSA-2017-0057, FMCSA-2017-0059, FMCSA-2017-0060, FMCSA-2018-0139, FMCSA-2019-0109, FMCSA-2019-0111, FMCSA-2020-0024, or FMCSA-2020-0025 in the keyword box, and click "Search." Next, sort the results by "Posted (Newer-Older)," choose the first notice listed, click the "Comment" button, and type your comment into the text box on the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit.

If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

##### B. Viewing Comments

To view comments go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/). Insert the docket number, FMCSA-2013-0122, FMCSA-2013-0123, FMCSA-2013-0125, FMCSA-2014-0102, FMCSA-2014-0107, FMCSA-2015-0327, FMCSA-2015-0328, FMCSA-2015-0329, FMCSA-2017-0057, FMCSA-2017-0059, FMCSA-2017-0060, FMCSA-2018-0139, FMCSA-2019-0109, FMCSA-2019-0111, FMCSA-2020-0024, or FMCSA-2020-0025 in the keyword box, and click "Search." Next, sort the results by "Posted (Newer-Older)," choose the first notice listed, and click "Browse Comments." If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting Dockets Operations in Room W12-140

on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366–9317 or (202) 366–9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

### C. Privacy Act

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(6), DOT solicits comments from the public on the exemption request. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at [www.dot.gov/privacy](http://www.dot.gov/privacy).

## II. Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), FMCSA may grant an exemption from the FMCSRs for no longer than a 5-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 statute also allows the Agency to renew exemptions at the end of the 5-year period. FMCSA grants medical exemptions from the FMCSRs for a 2-year period to align with the maximum duration of a driver's medical certification.

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding hearing found in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(11) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person first perceives a forced whispered voice in the better ear at not less than 5 feet with or without the use of a hearing aid or, if tested by use of an audiometric device, does not have an average hearing loss in the better ear greater than 40 decibels at 500 Hz, 1,000 Hz, and 2,000 Hz with or without a hearing aid when the audiometric device is calibrated to American National Standard (formerly ASA Standard) Z24.5–1951.

This standard was adopted in 1970 and was revised in 1971 to allow drivers to be qualified under this standard while wearing a hearing aid, 35 FR 6458, 6463 (Apr. 22, 1970) and 36 FR 12857 (July 3, 1971).

The 40 individuals listed in this notice have requested renewal of their exemptions from the hearing standard in § 391.41(b)(11), in accordance with FMCSA procedures. Accordingly, FMCSA has evaluated these applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable 2-year period.

## III. Request for Comments

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(b), FMCSA will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption of a driver.

## IV. Basis for Renewing Exemptions

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), each of the 40 applicants has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement. The 40 drivers in this notice remain in good standing with the Agency. In addition, for commercial driver's license (CDL) holders, the Commercial Driver's License Information System and the Motor Carrier Management Information System are searched for crash and violation data. For non-CDL holders, the Agency reviews the driving records from the State Driver's Licensing Agency. These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver's ability to continue to safely operate a CMV in interstate commerce. Therefore, FMCSA concludes that extending the exemption for each of these drivers for a period of 2 years is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

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

As of June 17, 2022, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following 23 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers:

Paul Aseka (TX)  
James Bogart (KS)  
Thomas Buretz (FL)  
Forrest Carroll (OH)  
Glenn Ferguson (TX)  
Ariel Gonzalez (RI)  
Nicholas Green (FL)  
Richard Hadlock (IL)  
Sean Hunt (SC)  
Jesus Javier (NJ)  
Larry Lang (TX)  
Yoel Lopez-Perez (FL)  
Bryan MacFarlane (OH)  
Darren Nordquist (WI)  
Anthony Panto (NJ)

Ernst Pratt (PA)  
Brian Shoup (SC)  
William Symonds (IL)  
Steven Tipton (IA)  
Daniel Tricolici (MA)  
Wayne Turner (IL)  
Fernando Velasquez (TX)  
Scott Weeaks (OK)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2013–0122, FMCSA–2013–0123, FMCSA–2013–0125, FMCSA–2014–0107, FMCSA–2015–0327, FMCSA–2015–0328, FMCSA–2015–0329, FMCSA–2017–0057, FMCSA–2017–0059, FMCSA–2018–0139, FMCSA–2019–0109, FMCSA–2019–0111, or FMCSA–2020–0024. Their exemptions were applicable as of June 17, 2022 and will expire on June 17, 2024.

As of June 18, 2022, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following seven individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers: Joshua Affholter (MI)  
Gantulga Badarach (IL)  
Awash Demoz (MD)  
Muhammad Javed (IN)  
Charles O'Bryan (NY)  
Anna Ruiz (AZ)  
Kyle Taylor (GA)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2020–0025. Their exemptions were applicable as of June 18, 2022 and will expire on June 18, 2024.

As of June 25, 2022, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following three individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers: Alfredo Ramirez (TX); Julie Ramirez (TX); and Hayden Teesdale (TX).

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2014–0102. Their exemptions were applicable as of June 25, 2022 and will expire on June 25, 2024.

As of June 29, 2022, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following seven individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers: Leroy Carter (OH)  
Robert Cates (NM)  
Brodey DiPasquale (MD)  
Richard Fisher (PA)  
Kimberly Foss (OR)  
Marcel Paul (WA)  
Jason Winemiller (IL)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2017–0060. Their

exemptions were applicable as of June 29, 2022 and will expire on June 29, 2024.

#### V. Conditions and Requirements

The exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: (1) each driver must report any crashes or accidents as defined in § 390.5; and (2) report all citations and convictions for disqualifying offenses under 49 CFR 383 and 49 CFR 391 to FMCSA; and (3) each driver prohibited from operating a motorcoach or bus with passengers in interstate commerce. The driver must also have a copy of the exemption when driving, for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official. In addition, the exemption does not exempt the individual from meeting the applicable CDL testing requirements. Each exemption will be valid for 2 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(b).

#### VI. Preemption

During the period the exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation that conflicts with this exemption with respect to a person operating under the exemption.

#### VII. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the 40 exemption applications, FMCSA renews the exemptions of the aforementioned drivers from the hearing requirement in § 391.41(b)(11). In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), each exemption will be valid for 2 years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. DOT-MARAD-2022-0167]

#### Request for Comments on the Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Effective U.S. Control (EUSC)/Parent Company

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comments on our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The information to be collected will be used to aid in identifying oceangoing vessels that may be both useful and available to the Department of Defense for deploying U.S. military equipment (such as tanks and other tracked and wheeled vehicles) and the full range of supplies (including petroleum products and fuel) necessary to sustain a force in a foreign theater of operations. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 11, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Docket No. DOT-MARAD-2022-0167 through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:*

[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Search using the above DOT docket number and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this rulemaking.

**Note:** All comments received will be posted without change to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) including any personal information provided.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the Department's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

#### Electronic Access and Filing

A copy of the notice may be viewed online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) using the docket number listed above. A copy of this notice will be placed in the docket.

Electronic retrieval help and guidelines are available on the website. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. An electronic copy of this document may also be downloaded from the Office of the Federal Register's website at [www.FederalRegister.gov](http://www.FederalRegister.gov) and the Government Publishing Office's website at [www.GovInfo.gov](http://www.GovInfo.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Katrina McRae, Vessel Transfer Specialist, Office of Sealift Support, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-3198, [katrina.mcrae@dot.gov](mailto:katrina.mcrae@dot.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Effective U.S. Control (EUSC)/Parent Company.

*OMB Control Number:* 2133-0511.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection.

*Abstract:* The Effective U.S. Control (EUSC)/Parent Company collection consists of an inventory of foreign-registered vessels owned by U.S. citizens. Specially, the collection consists of responses from vessel owners verifying or correcting vessel ownership data and characteristics found in commercial publications. The information obtained could be vital in a national or international emergency and is essential to the logistical support planning operations conducted by Maritime Administration officials.

*Respondents:* U.S. citizens who own foreign-registered vessels.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 60.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 60.

*Estimated Hours per Response:* 1.

*Annual Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 60.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

(Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.93.)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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