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USTR strongly urges submitters to file comments through <http://www.regulations.gov>, if at all possible. Any alternative arrangements must be made with Yvonne Jamison in advance of transmitting a comment. Ms. Jamison should be contacted at (202) 395-3475. General information concerning USTR is available at <http://www.ustr.gov>.

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Comments will be placed in the docket and open to public inspection, except business confidential information. Comments may be viewed on the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site by entering the relevant docket number in the search field on the home page.

Douglas Bell,

Chair, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Public Notice for Waiver for Aeronautical Land-Use Assurance at New Braunfels Regional Airport, New Braunfels, TX

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent for waiver of aeronautical land-use.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is considering a proposal to change a portion of the airport from aeronautical use to nonaeronautical use and to authorize the conversion of the airport property. The proposal consists of one parcel of land containing a total of approximately 3.09 acres located on the east side of the airport, along FM 758.

The parcel was originally acquired as federal surplus property in 1969. The land comprising this parcel is outside the forecasted need for aviation development and, thus, is no longer needed for indirect or direct aeronautical use. The airport wishes to develop this land for compatible commercial, nonaeronautical use. The income from the conversion of this parcel will benefit the aviation community by reinvestment in the airport.

Approval does not constitute a commitment by the FAA to financially assist in the conversion of the subject airport property nor a determination of eligibility for grant-in-aid funding from

the FAA. The disposition of proceeds from the conversion of the airport property will be in accordance with FAA's Policy and Procedures Concerning the Use of Airport Revenue, published in the **Federal Register** on February 16, 1999. In accordance with Section 47107(h) of Title 49, United States Code, this notice is required to be published in the **Federal Register** 30 days before modifying the land-use assurance that requires the property to be used for an aeronautical purpose.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 16, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on this document to Mr. Edward N. Agnew, Federal Aviation Administration, Manager, Texas Airports Development Office, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX 76137.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Vinicio Llerena, Airport Director, City of New Braunfels, 2333 FM 758, New Braunfels, TX 78130, telephone (830) 221-4295, or Mr. Anthony Mekhail, Federal Aviation Administration, Texas Airports Development Program Manager, 2601 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX 76137, telephone (817) 222-5663, FAX (817) 222-5989. Documents reflecting this FAA action may be reviewed at the above locations.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on December 5, 2014.

Edward N. Agnew,

Acting Manager, Airports Division, FAA, Southwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2012-0032]

Commercial Driver's License Standards: Application for Exemption; Daimler Trucks North America (Daimler)

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

ACTION: Notice of application for exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces that Daimler Trucks North America (Daimler) has requested an exemption for one commercial motor vehicle (CMV) driver, Martin Zeilinger, from the Federal requirement to hold a commercial driver's license (CDL) issued by one of the States. This project engineer holds a valid German CDL and wants to test-drive Daimler vehicles on

U.S. roads to better understand product requirements for these systems in "real world" environments, and verify results. Daimler believes the requirements for a German CDL ensure that holders of the license will likely achieve a level of safety equal to or greater than that of drivers who hold a U.S. State-issued CDL.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 16, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Federal Docket Management System Number FMCSA-2012-0032 by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

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

- **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., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the exemption process, see the *Public Participation* heading below. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. Please see the *Privacy Act* heading below.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to www.regulations.gov at any time and in the box labeled "SEARCH for" enter FMCSA-2012-0032 and click on the tab labeled "SEARCH."

Privacy Act: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.dot.gov/privacy.

Public Participation: The Federal eRulemaking Portal is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. You can get electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines under the "help" section of the Federal eRulemaking Portal Web site. If you want us to notify you that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or

postcard, or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments online.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard Clemente, FMCSA Driver and Carrier Operations Division; Office of Carrier, Driver and Vehicle Safety Standards; Telephone: 202-366-4325. Email: *MCPSD@dot.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 to grant exemptions from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The Agency must provide the public an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including any safety analyses that have been conducted. The Agency must also provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews the safety analyses and the public comments, and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by the current regulation (49 CFR 381.305). The decision of the Agency must be published in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)) with the reason for granting or denying the exemption, and, if granted, the specific person or class of persons receiving the exemption, and the regulatory provision or provisions from which exemption is granted. The notice must specify the effective period of the exemption (up to 2 years), and explain the terms and conditions of the exemption. The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

Since 2012, FMCSA has granted four Daimler drivers similar exemptions [May 25, 2012 (77 FR 31422); July 22, 2014 (79 FR 42626); August 29, 2014 (79 FR 51641)]. Each of these drivers held a valid German CDL but lacked the U.S. residency required to obtain a CDL. FMCSA has concluded that the process for obtaining a German CDL is comparable to or as effective as the U.S. CDL requirements and ensures that these drivers will likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level that would be obtained in the absence of the exemption.

Request for Exemption

Daimler has applied for an exemption for one of its engineers from 49 CFR 383.23, which prescribes licensing requirements for drivers operating CMVs in interstate or intrastate commerce. This driver, Martin

Zeilinger, holds a valid German CDL but is unable to obtain a CDL in any of the U.S. States due to residency requirements. A copy of the application is in Docket No. FMCSA-2012-0032.

The exemption would allow Mr. Zeilinger to operate CMVs in interstate or intrastate commerce to support Daimler field tests designed to meet future vehicle safety and environmental requirements and to develop improved safety and emission technologies. According to Daimler, Mr. Zeilinger will typically drive for no more than 6 hours per day for 2 consecutive days, and 10 percent of the test driving will be on two-lane State highways, while 90 percent will be on interstate highways. The driving will consist of no more than 200 miles per day, for a total of 400 miles during a two-day period on a quarterly basis. He will in all cases be accompanied by a holder of a U.S. CDL who is familiar with the routes to be traveled. Daimler requests that the exemption cover a two-year period.

FMCSA has determined that the process for obtaining a German CDL is comparable to the Federal requirements of 49 CFR part 383 and adequately assesses a driver's ability to operate CMVs in the United States.

Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(4) and 31136(e), FMCSA requests public comment on Daimler's application for an exemption from the CDL requirements of 49 CFR 383.23. The Agency will consider all comments received by close of business on January 16, 2015. Comments will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. The Agency will consider to the extent practicable comments received in the public docket after the closing date of the comment period.

Issued on: December 4, 2014.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. DOT-MARAD-2014-0156]

Request for Comments on a New Information Collection

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comments. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on September 23, 2014 (79 FR 56849).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 16, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nuns Jain, Program Excellence & Quality Assurance Group (MAR-600.6), Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 7737 Hampton Boulevard, Building 19, Suite 300, Norfolk, VA 23505, (757) 322-5801 or Email: *nuns.jain@dot.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Quarterly Readiness Reporting of Strategic Seaport Facilities.

OMB Control Number: 2133-NEW.

Type of Request: New Information Collection.

Abstract: Pursuant to the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (Pub. L. 111-67), EO 13603, E.O. 12656 and 46 CFR part 340, MARAD works with the DoD to ensure national defense preparedness. Accordingly, MARAD issues a pre-emergency Port Planning Order (PPO) to each Department of Defense (DoD) designated strategic commercial seaport in order to provide the DoD port facilities in support of military deployments during national emergencies. The proposed collection of quarterly information is necessary to validate each port's ability to provide the PPO delineated facilities to the DoD within the PPO delineated time frame. In a February 2, 2014 report entitled *STRATEGIC SEAPORTS: Opportunities Exist to Improve Interagency Coordination, Readiness Reporting, and Port Preparedness*, the Government Accounting Office (GAO) recommended that MARAD collect DoD required readiness data from the strategic commercial ports. This information will be used by MARAD to assist DoD in establishing overall contingency plans necessary to meet national emergency preparedness requirements.

Affected Public: Strategic Commercial Seaports with MARAD Port Planning Orders.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 16.

Estimated Number of Responses: 64.
Annual Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 64.

Frequency of Collection: Quarterly.