

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 Agency's decision regarding these exemption applications is based on the 2007 recommendations of the Agency's Medical Expert Panel (MEP). The Agency conducted an individualized assessment of each applicant's medical information, including the root cause of the respective seizure(s) and medical information about the applicant's seizure history, the length of time that has elapsed since the individual's last seizure, the stability of each individual's treatment regimen and the duration of time on or off of anti-seizure medication. In addition, the Agency reviewed the treating clinician's medical opinion related to the ability of the driver to safely operate a CMV with a history of seizure and each applicant's driving record found in the Commercial Driver's License Information System for commercial driver's license (CDL) holders, and interstate and intrastate inspections recorded in the Motor Carrier Management Information System. For non-CDL holders, the Agency reviewed the driving records from the State Driver's Licensing Agency (SDLA). A summary of each applicant's seizure history was discussed in the December 4, 2019, **Federal Register** notice (84 FR 66446) and will not be repeated in this notice.

These seven applicants have been seizure-free over a range of 18 years while taking anti-seizure medication and maintained a stable medication treatment regimen for the last 2 years. In each case, the applicant's treating physician verified his or her seizure history and supports the ability to drive commercially.

The Agency acknowledges the potential consequences of a driver experiencing a seizure while operating a CMV. However, the Agency believes the drivers granted this exemption have demonstrated that they are unlikely to have a seizure and their medical condition does not pose a risk to public safety.

Consequently, FMCSA finds that in each case exempting these applicants from the epilepsy and seizure disorder prohibition in § 391.41(b)(8) 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 remain seizure-free and maintain a stable treatment during the 2-year exemption period; (2) each driver must submit annual reports from their treating physicians attesting to the stability of treatment and that the driver has remained seizure-free; (3) each driver must undergo an annual medical examination by a certified ME, as defined by § 390.5; and (4) each driver must provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver's qualification file, or keep a copy of his/her driver's qualification file if he/she is self-employed. The driver must also have a copy of the exemption when driving, for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official.

## 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 seven exemption applications, FMCSA exempts the following drivers from the epilepsy and seizure disorder prohibition, § 391.41(b)(8), subject to the requirements cited above:

David Crouch (KY)  
Demetrius Furman (SD)  
Christopher Gilbert (VA)  
Jeffrey Koesterer (MO)  
Kevin Market (OH)  
Randy Wentz (PA)  
Robert Williams (IL)

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), each exemption will be valid for 2 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(e) and 31315(b).

Issued on: January 17, 2020.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-1999-5748; FMCSA-2001-10578; FMCSA-2003-15268; FMCSA-2003-15892; FMCSA-2005-20027; FMCSA-2005-21711; FMCSA-2005-22194; FMCSA-2005-22727; FMCSA-2006-26653; FMCSA-2007-0017; FMCSA-2007-2663; FMCSA-2007-27897; FMCSA-2007-28695; FMCSA-2009-0154; FMCSA-2009-0303; FMCSA-2011-0092; FMCSA-2011-0140; FMCSA-2011-0275; FMCSA-2011-0325; FMCSA-2011-26690; FMCSA-2013-0026; FMCSA-2013-0027; FMCSA-2013-0028; FMCSA-2013-0029; FMCSA-2013-0030; FMCSA-2013-0165; FMCSA-2013-0166; FMCSA-2013-0167; FMCSA-2013-0168; FMCSA-2013-0170; FMCSA-2013-0174; FMCSA-2015-0053; FMCSA-2015-0055; FMCSA-2015-0056; FMCSA-2015-0070; FMCSA-2015-0071; FMCSA-2015-0072; FMCSA-2015-0345; FMCSA-2015-0347; FMCSA-2017-0026; FMCSA-2017-0027]

### 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 exemptions for 76 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 requirements 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. Comments must be received on or before February 26, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket No. FMCSA-1999-5748, Docket No. FMCSA-2001-10578, Docket No. FMCSA-2003-15268, Docket No. FMCSA-2003-15892, Docket No. FMCSA-2005-20027, Docket No. FMCSA-2005-21711, Docket No. FMCSA-2005-22194, Docket No. FMCSA-2005-22727, Docket No. FMCSA-2006-26653, Docket No. FMCSA-2007-0017, Docket No. FMCSA-2007-2663, Docket No. FMCSA-2007-27897, Docket No. FMCSA-2007-28695, Docket No. FMCSA-2009-0154, Docket No. FMCSA-2009-0303, Docket No. FMCSA-2011-0092, Docket No.

FMCSA–2011–0140, Docket No. FMCSA–2011–0275, Docket No. FMCSA–2011–0325, Docket No. FMCSA–2011–26690, Docket No. FMCSA–2013–0026, Docket No. FMCSA–2013–0027, Docket No. FMCSA–2013–0028, Docket No. FMCSA–2013–0029, Docket No. FMCSA–2013–0030, Docket No. FMCSA–2013–0165, Docket No. FMCSA–2013–0166, Docket No. FMCSA–2013–0167, Docket No. FMCSA–2013–0168, Docket No. FMCSA–2013–0170, Docket No. FMCSA–2013–0174, Docket No. FMCSA–2015–0053, Docket No. FMCSA–2015–0055, Docket No. FMCSA–2015–0056, Docket No. FMCSA–2015–0070, Docket No. FMCSA–2015–0071, Docket No. FMCSA–2015–0072, Docket No. FMCSA–2015–0345, Docket No. FMCSA–2015–0347, Docket No. FMCSA–2017–0026, or Docket No. FMCSA–2017–0027 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Docket 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, 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, 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 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–1999–5748; FMCSA–2001–10578; FMCSA–2003–

15268; FMCSA–2003–15892; FMCSA–2005–20027; FMCSA–2005–21711; FMCSA–2005–22194; FMCSA–2005–22727; FMCSA–2006–26653; FMCSA–2007–0017; FMCSA–2007–2663; FMCSA–2007–27897; FMCSA–2007–28695; FMCSA–2009–0154; FMCSA–2009–0303; FMCSA–2011–0092; FMCSA–2011–0140; FMCSA–2011–0275; FMCSA–2011–0325; FMCSA–2011–26690; FMCSA–2013–0026; FMCSA–2013–0027; FMCSA–2013–0028; FMCSA–2013–0029; FMCSA–2013–0030; FMCSA–2013–0165; FMCSA–2013–0166; FMCSA–2013–0167; FMCSA–2013–0168; FMCSA–2013–0170; FMCSA–2013–0174; FMCSA–2015–0053; FMCSA–2015–0055; FMCSA–2015–0056; FMCSA–2015–0070; FMCSA–2015–0071; FMCSA–2015–0072; FMCSA–2015–0345; FMCSA–2015–0347; FMCSA–2017–0026; and FMCSA–2017–0027), 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.

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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 Documents and Comments*

To view comments, as well as any documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Insert the docket number, FMCSA–1999–5748; FMCSA–2001–10578; FMCSA–2003–15268; FMCSA–2003–15892; FMCSA–2005–20027; FMCSA–2005–21711; FMCSA–2005–22194; FMCSA–2005–22727; FMCSA–2006–26653; FMCSA–2007–0017; FMCSA–2007–2663; FMCSA–2007–27897; FMCSA–2007–28695; FMCSA–2009–0154; FMCSA–2009–0303; FMCSA–2011–0092; FMCSA–2011–0140; FMCSA–2011–0275; FMCSA–2011–0325; FMCSA–2011–26690; FMCSA–2013–0026; FMCSA–2013–0027; FMCSA–2013–0028; FMCSA–2013–0029; FMCSA–2013–0030; FMCSA–2013–0165; FMCSA–2013–0166; FMCSA–2013–0167; FMCSA–2013–0168; FMCSA–2013–0170; FMCSA–2013–0174; FMCSA–2015–0053; FMCSA–2015–0055; FMCSA–2015–0056; FMCSA–2015–0070; FMCSA–2015–0071; FMCSA–2015–0072; FMCSA–2015–0345; FMCSA–2015–0347; FMCSA–2017–0026; or FMCSA–2017–0027, in the keyword box, and click “Search.” Next, click the “Open Docket Folder” button and choose the document to review. If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting the Docket Operations in Room W12–140 on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### *C. 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](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–

14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at [www.transportation.gov/privacy](http://www.transportation.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 vision found in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) states that a person is physically qualified to drive 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 at 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.

The 76 individuals listed in this notice have requested renewal of their exemptions from the vision standard in § 391.41(b)(10), 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 76 applicants has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision standard (see 64 FR 40404; 64 FR 66962; 66 FR 53826; 66 FR 66966; 66 FR 66969; 68 FR 37197; 68 FR 52811; 68 FR 61860;

68 FR 69432; 68 FR 69434; 70 FR 2701; 70 FR 16887; 70 FR 48797; 70 FR 57353; 70 FR 61165; 70 FR 61493; 70 FR 71884; 70 FR 72689; 70 FR 74102; 71 FR 644; 71 FR 4632; 72 FR 8417; 72 FR 36099; 72 FR 39879; 72 FR 46261; 72 FR 52419; 72 FR 54971; 72 FR 54972; 72 FR 62896; 72 FR 62897; 72 FR 64273; 72 FR 67340; 72 FR 71993; 72 FR 71995; 72 FR 71998; 73 FR 1395; 73 FR 5259; 73 FR 6246; 74 FR 34395; 74 FR 37295; 74 FR 43221; 74 FR 43223; 74 FR 48343; 74 FR 49069; 74 FR 53581; 74 FR 60021; 74 FR 60022; 74 FR 62632; 74 FR 65845; 74 FR 65847; 75 FR 1450; 75 FR 1451; 75 FR 4623; 76 FR 25766; 76 FR 37169; 76 FR 37885; 76 FR 44652; 76 FR 50318; 76 FR 53708; 76 FR 55469; 76 FR 62143; 76 FR 64164; 76 FR 64169; 76 FR 64171; 76 FR 70210; 76 FR 70212; 76 FR 70215; 76 FR 75940; 76 FR 75943; 76 FR 78728; 76 FR 78729; 76 FR 79760; 77 FR 539; 77 FR 543; 77 FR 545; 77 FR 3554; 77 FR 10608; 78 FR 22598; 78 FR 24798; 78 FR 27281; 78 FR 34143; 78 FR 37270; 78 FR 37274; 78 FR 41188; 78 FR 41975; 78 FR 46407; 78 FR 47818; 78 FR 52602; 78 FR 56986; 78 FR 56993; 78 FR 62935; 78 FR 63302; 78 FR 63307; 78 FR 64271; 78 FR 64280; 78 FR 65032; 78 FR 66099; 78 FR 67454; 78 FR 67460; 78 FR 67462; 78 FR 68137; 78 FR 76395; 78 FR 76704; 78 FR 76705; 78 FR 76707; 78 FR 77780; 78 FR 77782; 78 FR 78475; 78 FR 78477; 79 FR 1908; 79 FR 2748; 79 FR 3919; 79 FR 4803; 79 FR 6993; 79 FR 14333; 79 FR 53708; 80 FR 31635; 80 FR 31640; 80 FR 33007; 80 FR 36395; 80 FR 37718; 80 FR 40122; 80 FR 44188; 80 FR 48411; 80 FR 49302; 80 FR 50915; 80 FR 53383; 80 FR 59225; 80 FR 59230; 80 FR 62161; 80 FR 62163; 80 FR 63839; 80 FR 63869; 80 FR 67472; 80 FR 67476; 80 FR 67481; 80 FR 70060; 80 FR 79414; 80 FR 80443; 81 FR 1284; 81 FR 1474; 81 FR 11642; 81 FR 15401; 81 FR 15404; 81 FR 16265; 81 FR 44680; 81 FR 48493; 82 FR 37499; 82 FR 47312; 83 FR 2292; 83 FR 2306; 83 FR 2311; 83 FR 3861; 83 FR 4537; 83 FR 6922; 83 FR 6925; 83 FR 18648; or 83 FR 24589). They have submitted evidence showing that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the requirement specified at § 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 2 years indicates each applicant continues to meet the vision exemption requirements. 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 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 February and are discussed below. As of February 9, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 61 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (64 FR 40404; 64 FR 66962; 66 FR 53826; 66 FR 66966; 66 FR 66969; 68 FR 37197; 68 FR 52811; 68 FR 61860; 68 FR 69432; 68 FR 69434; 70 FR 2701; 70 FR 16887; 70 FR 48797; 70 FR 57353; 70 FR 61165; 70 FR 61493; 70 FR 71884; 70 FR 72689; 70 FR 74102; 71 FR 644; 71 FR 4632; 72 FR 8417; 72 FR 36099; 72 FR 39879; 72 FR 46261; 72 FR 52419; 72 FR 54971; 72 FR 54972; 72 FR 62896; 72 FR 62897; 72 FR 64273; 72 FR 67340; 72 FR 71993; 72 FR 71995; 72 FR 71998; 73 FR 1395; 73 FR 5259; 73 FR 6246; 74 FR 34395; 74 FR 37295; 74 FR 43221; 74 FR 43223; 74 FR 48343; 74 FR 49069; 74 FR 53581; 74 FR 60021; 74 FR 60022; 74 FR 62632; 74 FR 65845; 74 FR 65847; 75 FR 1450; 75 FR 1451; 75 FR 4623; 76 FR 25766; 76 FR 37169; 76 FR 37885; 76 FR 44652; 76 FR 50318; 76 FR 53708; 76 FR 55469; 76 FR 62143; 76 FR 64164; 76 FR 64169; 76 FR 64171; 76 FR 70210; 76 FR 70212; 76 FR 70215; 76 FR 75940; 76 FR 75943; 76 FR 78728; 76 FR 78729; 76 FR 79760; 77 FR 543; 77 FR 545; 77 FR 3554; 77 FR 10608; 78 FR 22598; 78 FR 24798; 78 FR 27281; 78 FR 34143; 78 FR 37270; 78 FR 37274; 78 FR 41188; 78 FR 41975; 78 FR 46407; 78 FR 47818; 78 FR 52602; 78 FR 56986; 78 FR 56993; 78 FR 62935; 78 FR 63302; 78 FR 63307; 78 FR 64271; 78 FR 64280; 78 FR 65032; 78 FR 66099; 78 FR 67454; 78 FR 67460; 78 FR 67462; 78 FR 68137; 78 FR 76395; 78 FR 76704; 78 FR 76705; 78 FR 76707; 78 FR 77780; 78 FR 77782; 78 FR 78475; 78 FR 78477; 79 FR 1908; 79 FR 2748; 79 FR 3919; 79 FR 4803; 79 FR 6993; 79 FR 14333; 79 FR 53708; 80 FR 31635; 80 FR 31640; 80 FR 33007; 80 FR 36395; 80 FR 37718; 80 FR 40122; 80 FR 44188; 80 FR 48411; 80 FR 49302; 80 FR 50915; 80 FR 53383; 80 FR 59225; 80 FR 59230; 80 FR 62161; 80 FR 62163; 80 FR 63839; 80 FR 63869; 80 FR 67472; 80 FR 67476; 80 FR 67481; 80 FR 70060; 80 FR 79414; 80 FR 80443; 81 FR 1284; 81 FR 11642; 81 FR 15401; 81 FR 15404; 81 FR 16265; 81 FR 44680; 82 FR 37499; 82 FR 47312; 83 FR 2306; 83 FR 3861; 83 FR 4537; 83 FR 6922; and 83 FR 6925);

Deneris G. Allen (LA)  
Christopher L. Bagby (VA)  
Wayne Barker (OK)  
Richard D. Becotte (NH)  
Gary L. Best (MI)  
Timothy A. Bohling (CO)

Charles W. Bradley (SC)  
 Jean-Pierre G. Brefort (CT)  
 Duane W. Brzuchalski (AZ)  
 John Camp (GA)  
 Henry L. Chastain (GA)  
 Martina B. Classen (IA)  
 Aubrey R. Cordrey, Jr. (DE)  
 Robert L. Cross, Jr. (MO)  
 Matthew W. Daggs (MO)  
 James M. Del Sasso (IL)  
 Albert M. DiVella (NV)  
 Michael M. Edleston (MA)  
 Elhadji M. Faye (CA)  
 James P. Fitzgerald (MA)  
 Russell W. Foster (OH)  
 Gordon R. Fritz (WI)  
 Richard L. Gandee (OH)  
 James E. Goodman (AL)  
 Christopher L. Granby (MI)  
 John N. Guilford (AL)  
 Louis M. Hankins (IL)  
 Steven M. Hoover (IL)  
 Frank E. Johnson, Jr. (FL)  
 Carol Kelly (IN)  
 Roger D. Kool (IA)  
 William E. Leimkuehler (OK)  
 Michael S. Lewis (NC)  
 Jose A. Marco (TX)  
 Dennis L. Maxcy (NY)  
 George A. McCue (NV)  
 Cameron S. McMillen (NM)  
 David L. Menken (NY)  
 Gregory G. Miller (OH)  
 Rashawn L. Morris (VA)  
 James R. Murphy (NY)  
 Charles D. Oestreich (MN)  
 Carlos A. Osollo (NM)  
 Robert M. Pickett II (MI)  
 Johnny L. Powell (MD)  
 Branden J. Ramos (CA)  
 Andres Regalado (CA)  
 Daniel T. Rhodes (IL)  
 Thenon D. Ridley (TX)  
 Christopher M. Rivera (NM)  
 Richard S. Robb (NM)  
 Angelo D. Rogers (AL)  
 Juan M. Rosas (AZ)  
 David J. Rothermal (RI)  
 James J. Slemmer (PA)  
 Juan E. Sotero (FL)  
 George E. Todd (WV)  
 Aaron M. Vernon (OH)  
 John H. Voigts (AZ)  
 Joseph A. Wells (IL)  
 James D. Zimmer (OH)

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA–1999–5748; FMCSA–2001–10578; FMCSA–2003–15268; FMCSA–2003–15892; FMCSA–2005–20027; FMCSA–2005–21711; FMCSA–2005–22194; FMCSA–2005–22727; FMCSA–2006–26653; FMCSA–2007–0017; FMCSA–2007–2663; FMCSA–2007–27897; FMCSA–2007–28695; FMCSA–2009–0154; FMCSA–2009–0303; FMCSA–2011–0092; FMCSA–2011–0140; FMCSA–2011–0275; FMCSA–2011–26690; FMCSA–2013–

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As of February 12, 2020, 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 vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (81 FR 1474; 81 FR 48493; and 83 FR 6925): Charles H. Baim (PA); Walton W. Smith (VA); and Aaron D. Tillman (DE)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2015–0347. Their exemptions are applicable as of February 12, 2020, and will expire on February 12, 2022.

As of February 16, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following nine individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (83 FR 2292; 83 FR 2311; 83 FR 18648; and 83 FR 24589):

Jordan N. Bean (ND)  
 Micheal H. Eheler (WI)  
 Colin D. McGregor (WI)  
 Ryan J. Plank (PA)  
 Douglas E. Porter (MI)  
 Jorge A. Rodriguez (CA)  
 Jimmy W. Rowland (FL)  
 Aaron R. Rupe (IL)  
 Juan D. Zertuche (TX)

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA–2017–0026; and FMCSA–2017–0027. Their exemptions are applicable as of February 16, 2020, and will expire on February 16, 2022.

As of February 22, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following two individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (77 FR 539; 77 FR 10608; 79 FR 6993; 81 FR 15401; and 83 FR 6925):

Brian K. Cline (NC); and Mickey Lawson (NC)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2011–0325. Their exemptions are applicable as of February 22, 2020, and will expire on February 22, 2022.

As of February 27, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following individual has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (79 FR 1908; 79 FR 14333; 81 FR 15401; and 83 FR 6925):

Danielle Wilkins (CA)

The driver was included in docket number FMCSA–2013–0174. The exemption is applicable as of February 27, 2020, and will expire on February 27, 2022.

## V. Conditions and Requirements

The exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: (1) Each driver must undergo an annual physical examination (a) by an ophthalmologist or optometrist who attests that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the requirements in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), and (b) by a certified medical examiner (ME), as defined by § 390.5, who attests that the driver is otherwise physically qualified under § 391.41; (2) each driver must provide a copy of the ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report to the ME at the time of the annual medical examination; and (3) each driver must provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver's qualification file or keep a copy of his/her driver's qualification if he/her is self-employed. The driver must also have a copy of the exemption when driving, for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official. 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.

## VI. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the 76 exemption applications, FMCSA renews the exemptions of the aforementioned drivers from the vision requirement in § 391.41(b)(10), subject to the requirements cited above. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), each exemption will be valid for two years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA.

Issued on: January 17, 2020.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2020-0012]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel REALITY CHECK (Sailing Catamaran); Invitation for Public Comments

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirements of the coastwise trade laws to allow the carriage of no more than twelve passengers for hire on vessels, which are three years old or more. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before February 26, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2020-0012 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2020-0012 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is: U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD-2020-0012, 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.

*Note:* If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change

to the docket at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, see the section entitled Public Participation.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bianca Carr, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23-453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-9309, Email [Bianca.carr@dot.gov](mailto:Bianca.carr@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel REALITY CHECK is:

—*Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* “Carrying passengers for hire.”

—*Geographic Region Including Base of Operations:* “California” (Base of Operations: Long Beach, CA)

—*Vessel Length and Type:* 42’ Sailing Catamaran

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD-2020-0012 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter’s interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in section 388.4 of MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

#### Public Participation

##### *How do I submit comments?*

Please submit your comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. Be advised that it may take a few hours or even days for your comment to be reflected on the docket. In addition, your comments must be written in English. We encourage you to provide concise comments and you may attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

##### *Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?*

Go to the docket online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, keyword search

MARAD-2020-0012 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). We recommend that you periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

##### *Will my comments be made available to the public?*

Yes. Be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

##### *May I submit comments confidentially?*

If you wish to submit comments under a claim of confidentiality, you should submit three copies of your complete submission, including the information you claim to be confidential business information, to the Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, Office of Legislation and Regulations, MAR-225, W24-220, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Include a cover letter setting forth with specificity the basis for any such claim and, if possible, a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

#### 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, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice, DOT/ALL-14 FDMS, accessible through [www.dot.gov/privacy](http://www.dot.gov/privacy). To facilitate comment tracking and response, we encourage commenters to provide their name, or the name of their organization; however, submission of names is completely optional. Whether or not commenters identify themselves, all timely comments will be fully considered. If you wish to provide comments containing proprietary or confidential information, please contact the agency for alternate submission instructions.

**Authority:** 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 55103, 46 U.S.C. 12121.

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Dated: January 22, 2020.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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