THE FEDERAL HEARING EXEMPTION RENEWAL PROCESS

Dear Sir/Madam:

If you have been issued a Federal exemption from the hearing standard under 49 CFR 391.41(b)(11) and you would like to renew it, you must submit the following information no later than 3 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE listed on the current exemption. If the information is submitted past this date, there is a chance that you will have a lapse in your ability to operate a commercial motor vehicle in interstate commerce. FMCSA must have adequate time to process your renewal request.

Please submit the following information:

1. A written request to renew your hearing exemption.

2. A legible copy of your driver's license, front and back.

3. A legible copy of your driving record for the last 3 years from your state licensing authority. If you were involved in any crash or were convicted for any moving violation, provide additional official documentation (e.g., a copy of the crash report or the citation, or copies of court records).

   a. This form is available on FMCSA’s website at https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/medical/driver-medical-requirements/medical-release-info-12-2006
   b. A sample of a completed form is available on FMCSA’s website at https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/medical/driver-medical-requirements/medical-release-info-hearing-sample

5. A legible copy of your Medical Examiner’s Certificate, MCSA-5876 indicating that a hearing exemption is required.

6. A legible copy of your current exemption.

Your information may be e-mailed, mailed or faxed (PLEASE DO NOT DO MORE THAN ONE).

E-mail to:

FMCSAhearingexemptions@dot.gov
Mail to:

Department of Transportation
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
Medical Programs Division, W64-224
Hearing Exemption Program
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC  20590

Fax to:

(877) 764-6920 and title the document, “ATTENTION HEARING EXEMPTIONS C/O Christine A. Hydock”

If you do not wish to renew your Federal hearing exemption, please notify FMCSA in writing.

If you have any questions, please call (202) 366-4001 or e-mail FMCSAhearingexemptions@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

Christine A. Hydock
Chief, FMCSA Medical Programs Division