exemptions are effective as of August 8, 2016, and will expire on August 8, 2018. As of August 17, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 9 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (75 FR 36775; 75 FR 50797):

Gary L. Alexander (MO)
Daniel E. Bergstresser (NY)
Stephan F. Clendenin (NY)
Donald P. Dean (MI)
Pradip B. Desai (PA)
Howard M. Galton (IL)
Pradip B. Desai (PA)
Howard M. Galton (IL)
Stephen M. Bergstrom (NY)

The drivers were included in Docket No. FMCSA–2010–0162. Their exemptions are effective as of August 17, 2016, and will expire on August 17, 2018.

As of August 19, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 67 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (79 FR 41723; 79 FR 56105):

Charles Ackerman Jr. (NJ)
William J. Applebee (WI)
Benjamin L. Baker (MD)
Stephen M. Berggren (MN)
Robert A. Boyle (ID)
Patrick J. Burns (MN)
Robert L. Caudill (OH)
Charles R. Cran (WI)
John W. Crook Jr. (IA)
Kevin W. Elder (NC)
Michael J. Eldridge, Sr. (IA)
Johnathon C. Ely (IN)
Kevin D. Erickson (WI)
Joy E. Foshee, IV (MS)
Lawrence H. Fox (NH)
Troy C. Frank (NE)
Robert T. Frankfurter (CO)
Dale A. Godejohn (ND)
Robert R. Gonzales (CA)
Norman D. Groves (MO)
Kenneth F. Gwaltney (IN)
Mathew R. Hale (KS)
Donald K. Hamilton (FL)
John L. Holtzclaw (MO)
Christopher H. Horn (NH)
Jared E. Hubbard (TX)
Roger C. Hulce (VT)
Kip J. Kaufman (WI)
Christopher J. Kitch (WI)
Joshua L. Kroetch (MN)
Wesley S. Langham (IL)
Andrew K. Lofton (AL)
Salvador Lopez (AZ)
Joseph M. Mack (NM)
Robert J. Marino (NJ)
David J. McCoy (UT)

William E. Medlin (MN)
Anthony J. Miller (MN)
Carlos A. Novales, Jr. (NJ)
Kathryn J. Nelms (KS)
Antonio C. Oliveira (PA)
Christopher P. Overton (IL)
Ronald E. Patrick (IN)
Stephen J. Pelton (PA)
Bryant B. Perry (NC)
Kenneth R. Perschon (IL)
Joseph R. Polhamus (LA)
Brian K. Rajkovich (CA)
Joseph E. Resetar (NJ)
Rodney B. Roberts (MS)
Arlan M. Roessler (WI)
Mark J. Rone (IL)
Barry J. Sanderson (MT)
John J. Steigau (MN)
Berton W. Stroup (PA)
Ronnie P. Thomas (TN)
William L. Thompson (MN)
Juan A. Villanueva (TX)
Robert D. Watts (TX)
Cindy L. Wells (NY)
Charles W. White (IN)
Herman D. Whitehurst (AR)
Michael C. Woel (MT)
Tommy W. Wornick (TX)
Robert T. Yelich (IN)
Alan C. Yeomans (CT)
Chad C. Yerkey (PA)

The drivers were included in Docket No. FMCSA–2014–0018. Their exemptions are effective as of August 19, 2016, and will expire on August 19, 2018.

As of August 27, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 13 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (77 FR 40941; 77 FR 51845):

Randall W. Amstower (WV)
Steven Brickey (CO)
Ronald K. Coleman (KY)
Randall L. Corkind (ND)
Raymond G. Gravesandy (NY)
John T. Green (TX)
Gregory M. Harris (TX)
Kelly M. Keller (ND)
Joseph L. Miska (MN)
Susan L. Mosel (WI)
Jacob D. Oxford (ID)
Robert D. Regovich (NJ)
Ramon I. Zamora-Ortiz (WA)

The drivers were included in Docket No. FMCSA–2014–0163. Their exemptions are effective as of August 27, 2016, and will expire on August 27, 2018.

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.


Larry W. Minor,
Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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Household Goods (HHG) Consumer Protection Working Group Second Public Meeting

[DOCKET No. FMCSA–2016–0116]

HOUSEHOLD GOODS (HHG) CONSUMER PROTECTION WORKING GROUP SECOND PUBLIC MEETING

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Congress mandated the establishment of the HHG Working Group in the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The group is charged with providing recommendations on how to better educate and protect HHG moving customers (consumers) during interstate HHG moves.

DATES: The second HHG Working Group meeting will be held on May 2 and 3, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and May 4, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the USDOT Headquarters, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Members of the public planning to attend should email FMCSA at the contact information listed below by April 15, 2017. Members of the Working Group and the public should arrive at 8:30 a.m. to facilitate clearance through DOT security. Copies of the agenda will be made available at https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/fastact/household-goods-consumer-protection-working-group.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Rodgers, Chief, Commercial Enforcement and Investigations Division, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Phone (202) 366–0073; Email Kenneth.Rodgers@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
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Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration


Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Hearing

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 31 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: The renewed exemptions were effective 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 April 28, 2017.

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., e.t., 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.


• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

• 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: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

• Fax: 1–202–493–2251.

Instructions: Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number(s) for this notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below for further information.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to http://www.regulations.gov at any time or Room W12–140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. e.t. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The FDMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. If you want acknowledgment 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.

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 http://www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at http://www.dot.gov/privacy.

I. Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption for two years 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 two-year period.

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.