

Kentucky; Jefferson; Oldham; Trimble.

*The Interest Rates Are:*

	Percent
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere .....	6.250
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere .....	3.125
Businesses with credit available elsewhere .....	7.934
Businesses & small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere .....	4.000
Other (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere .....	5.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere .....	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 106426 and for economic injury is 106430.

The States which received an EIDL Declaration # are: Indiana; Kentucky.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

October 16, 2006.

**Steven C. Preston,**  
*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5568]

### Advisory Committee on Democracy Promotion (ACDP) Meeting Notice; Partially Closed Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app 2 section 10(a)(2), the Department of State announces the inaugural meeting of the Advisory Committee on Democracy Promotion (ACDP) to take place on November 6, 2006, at the Department of State, Washington, DC. The meeting will be open to the public from 10 a.m.—10:45 a.m., during which time Secretary Rice will speak with the group and discuss a range of democracy promotion issues. Pursuant to section 10 (d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app 2 section 10 (d) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), it has been determined that the rest of the Committee meeting will be closed to the public because the Committee will be discussing sensitive information about the personal situation of human rights dissidents, disclosure of which would likely jeopardize the safety and welfare of these individuals and constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of their personal privacy. The

purpose of the ACDP is to advise the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development on the consideration of issues related to democracy promotion in the formulation and implementation of U.S. foreign policy and foreign assistance. The agenda for this meeting includes sensitive discussions related to the Committee's studies on current U.S. policy and issues regarding democracy advancement and promotion at both the bilateral and multilateral level, including the conditions facing individual human rights dissidents.

For more information, contact Nicole Bibbins Sedaca, Senior Director of Strategic Planning and External Affairs, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, telephone: (202) 647-3904.

Dated: October 12, 2006.

**Jonathan Farrar,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5561]

### Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) Meeting Notice; Closed Meeting

The Department of State announces a meeting of the U.S. State Department—Overseas Security Advisory Council on November 14, 2006 at the U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC. Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), it has been determined that the meeting will be closed to the public. The meeting will focus on an examination of corporate security policies and procedures and will involve extensive discussion of proprietary commercial and financial information that is considered privileged and confidential. The agenda will include updated committee reports, a global threat overview, and other matters relating to private sector security policies and protective programs and the protection of U.S. business information overseas.

For more information, contact Marsha Thurman, Overseas Security Advisory Council, Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-2008, phone: 571-345-2214.

Dated: October 12, 2006.

**Joe D. Morton,**

*Director of the Diplomatic Security Service, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5569]

### Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday November 21, 2006 in Room 2415, at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20593-0001. The purpose of this meeting will be to finalize preparations for the 82nd Session of the Maritime Safety Committee, and associated bodies of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), which is scheduled for November 29—December 8, 2006 at the Polat Renaissance Istanbul Hotel in Istanbul, Turkey. At this meeting, papers received and the draft U.S. positions for the Maritime Safety Committee will be discussed. Among other things, the items of particular interest are:

- Adoption of amendments to: SOLAS, the High Speed Craft Code, the International Convention on Load Lines, the International Code for Fire Safety Systems, the LSA Code, the IBC Code, and the IGC Code.
- Measures to enhance maritime security
- Goal-based new ship construction standards
- Implementation of the revised STCW Convention
- Reports of seven subcommittees—Stability, load lines and fishing vessel safety, Dangerous goods, solid cargoes and containers, Radiocommunications and search and rescue, Ship design and equipment, Flag State implementation, Bulk liquids and gases, and Safety of navigation.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing to Mr. Jeffrey Lantz, Commandant (G-PS), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Room 1218, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 372-1351.

Dated: October 12, 2006.

**Margaret Hayes,**

*Director, Shipping Coordinating Committee,  
Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5555]

### Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2006 in Room 4420 at the U. S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20593-0001. The purpose of the meeting is to finalize preparations for the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) 97th session of Council, which is scheduled for November 6-10, 2006 at Central Hall Westminster in London, UK. Discussion will focus on papers received and draft U.S. positions.

Items of particular interest include:

- Reports of Committees;
- Resource Management;
- Strategy and planning;
- Implementation of Article 17 of the IMO Convention;
- Protection of vital shipping lanes and;
- Status of the Convention and membership of the Organization.

Members of the public may attend these meetings up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. Jeremy Cairl, International Affairs, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Commandant (G-CI), Room 4420, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling: (202) 372-4475.

Dated: October 17, 2006.

**Margaret Hayes,**

*Director, Shipping Coordinating Committee,  
Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-98-3637, FMCSA-99-6156, FMCSA-00-7006, FMCSA-00-7165, FMCSA-00-8203, FMCSA-02-12294, FMCSA-04-17984, FMCSA-04-18885]

### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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

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

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew the exemptions from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 16 individuals. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemptions will provide a level of safety that will be equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

**DATES:** This decision is effective November 9, 2006. Comments must be received on or before November 22, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Management System (DMS) Docket Numbers FMCSA-98-3637, FMCSA-99-6156, FMCSA-00-7006, FMCSA-00-7165, FMCSA-00-8203, FMCSA-02-12294, FMCSA-04-17984, FMCSA-04-18885, using any of the following methods.

- **Web Site:** <http://dmses.dot.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

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

- **Mail:** Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- **Hand Delivery:** Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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

Instructions: All submissions must include the Agency name and docket numbers for this Notice. Note that all comments received will be posted

without change to <http://dms.dot.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading for further information.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The DMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. 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 on-line.

**Privacy Act:** Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the Department of Transportation's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477; Apr. 11, 2000). This information is also available at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Mary D. Gunnels, Chief, Physical Qualifications Division, (202) 366-4001, [maggi.gunnels@dot.gov](mailto:maggi.gunnels@dot.gov) FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 8301, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Exemption Decision

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may renew an exemption from the vision requirements in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce, for a two-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 procedures for requesting an exemption (including renewals) are set out in 49 CFR part 381. This Notice addresses 16 individuals who have requested renewal of their exemptions in a timely manner. FMCSA has evaluated these 16 applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable two-year period. They are: