

medical requirements that are deemed medically necessary.

The FMCSA concluded that all of the operating, monitoring and medical requirements set out in the September 3, 2003 notice, except as modified, were in compliance with section 4129(d). Therefore, all of the requirements set out in the September 3, 2003 notice, except as modified by the notice in the **Federal Register** on November 8, 2005 (70 FR 67777), remain in effect.

IV. Submitting Comments

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V. Viewing Comments and Documents

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Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2007-29035; FMCSA-2008-0293; FMCSA-2009-0242; FMCSA-2011-0277; FMCSA-2011-0278; FMCSA-2013-0184; FMCSA-2013-0187; FMCSA-2013-0190]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Diabetes

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

ACTION: Notice of renewal of exemptions; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to renew the exemptions of 133 individuals from its rule prohibiting persons with insulin-treated diabetes mellitus (ITDM) from operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from this rule if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemption renewals will provide a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these CMV drivers.

DATES: Each group of renewed exemptions are effective from the dates stated in the discussions below. Comments must be received on or before December 28, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) numbers: Docket No. FMCSA-2007-29035; FMCSA-2008-0293; FMCSA-2009-0242; FMCSA-2011-0277; FMCSA-2011-0278; FMCSA-2013-0184; FMCSA-2013-0187; FMCSA-2013-0190, using any of the following methods:

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- *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.
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, 202-366-4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W64-113, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may renew an exemption from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations 2-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 2-year period. The 133 individuals listed in this notice have recently become eligible for a renewed exemption from the diabetes prohibition in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce. The drivers remain in good standing with the Agency, have maintained their required medical monitoring and have not exhibited any medical issues that

would compromise their ability to safely operate a CMV during the previous 2-year exemption period.

Exemption Decision

This notice addresses 133 individuals who have requested renewal of their exemptions in accordance with FMCSA procedures. These 133 drivers remain in good standing with the Agency, have maintained their required medical monitoring and have not exhibited any medical issues that would compromise their ability to safely operate a CMV during the previous 2-year exemption period. Therefore, FMCSA has decided to extend each exemption for a renewable two-year period. Each individual is identified according to the renewal date.

The exemptions are renewed subject to the following conditions: (1) That each individual submit a quarterly monitoring checklist completed by the treating endocrinologist as well as an annual checklist with a comprehensive medical evaluation; (2) that each individual reports within 2 business days of occurrence, all episodes of severe hypoglycemia, significant complications, or inability to manage diabetes; also, any involvement in an accident or any other adverse event in a CMV or personal vehicle, whether or not it is related to an episode of hypoglycemia; (3) that each individual submit an annual ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report; and (4) that each individual provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver's qualification file, or keep a copy in his/her driver's qualification file if he/she is self-employed. The driver must also have a copy of the certification when driving, for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official.

Basis for Renewing Exemptions

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1), an exemption may be granted for no longer than two years from its approval date and may be renewed upon application for additional two year periods. The following groups of drivers received renewed exemptions in the month of December and are discussed below.

As of December 1, 2015, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 10 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce. (74 FR 48338; 74 FR 62883):

Charles E. Boyd (NE)
Warren B. Copple, Jr. (MI)
Hernan Hernandez (CT)

Jeffrey E. Kiehl (MI)
Jesus G. Maesse (TX)
Jackson R. Olive (NY)
Thomas N. Pico (PA)
Paul Ramirez (OK)
Jon C. Thomas (MT)
Dennis M. Thyfault (UT)

The drivers were included in Docket No. FMCSA–2009–0242. Their exemptions are effective as of December 1, 2015 and will expire on December 1, 2017.

As of December 10, 2015, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 7 individuals, have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (73 FR 63042; 73 FR 75163):

Herschel J. Crawford (AK)
James E. Gaines (NJ)
Allan D. Gralapp (IA)
Scott L. Halm (OH)
Jason P. Smith (GA)
Dean A. Sullivan (KY)
Lawrence W. Thomas (AR)

The drivers were included in Docket No. FMCSA–2008–0293. Their exemptions are effective as of December 10, 2015 and will expire on December 10, 2017.

As of December 17, 2015, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 60 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce. (78 FR 63298; 78 FR 76397):

James L. Barnes (GA)
Toni Benfield (SC)
Peter J. Benz (FL)
Robert J. Berger, III (PA)
Daniel A. Bryan (PA)
Travis D. Clarkston (IN)
Romero Coleman (WI)
Michael L. Collins (WA)
Thomas S. Crawford (NY)
Stephen A. Cronin (FL)
Steven M. Dent (IA)
John S. Duvall (PA)
Robert S. Engel (IN)
Steven M. Ference (CT)
David W. Foster (TN)
Francis M. Garlach III (PA)
Allen D. Goddard (MO)
Brian L. Gregory (IL)
Alfonso Grijalva (CA)
Jason E. Jacobus (KY)
Bobby H. Johnson (GA)
Isadore Johnson Jr. (NY)
Jerry D. Joseph (OH)
Neal S. Kassebaum (TN)
Ervin A. Klocko, Jr.
Kevin E. Kneff (MO)
Margaret Lopez (NY)
John D. May (KS)

Kenneth B. Maynard, Jr. (NH)
Mike C. McDowell (TX)
Charles B. McKay (FL)
Norman C. Mertz (PA)
Travis F. Moon (GA)
Ronald Mooney (ID)
Martin J. Mostyn (OH)
Floyd P. Murray, Jr. (UT)
Steven D. Nowakowski (MD)
Gary D. Peters (NE)
Mark A. Pille (IA)
Stephen Plesz (CT)
Glen E. Pozernick (ID)
Jody R. Prause (MI)
Walter A. Przewrocki, Jr. (PA)
Andrew Quaglia (NY)
Stanley A. Sabin (KY)
Joseph F. Schafer, Jr. (PA)
Francis J. Schultz (PA)
Gary A. Sjkovist (ND)
Gary L. Snelling (AL)
Charles W. Sterling (WA)
Thomas L. Stoudnour (PA)
Matthew S. Thompson (PA)
Robin S. Travis (CO)
Richard A. Treadwell (PA)
James R. Troutman (PA)
William R. Van Gog (WA)
Charles S. Watson (IL)
William E. Wyant III (IA)
Mark A. Yurian (MT)
David M. Zanicky (PA)

The drivers were included in Docket No. FMCSA–2013–0187. Their exemptions are effective as of December 17, 2015 and will expire on December 17, 2017.

As of December 19, 2015, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 27 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce. (72 FR 62514; 72 FR 71996; 76 FR 64165; 76 FR 78718):

Robin R. Baumgartner (WI)
Joseph K. Beasley (GA)
Toni A. Brown (AR)
Glenn W. Burke (NY)
David P. Charest (FL)
Charles Demesmin (NJ)
Derek E. Dowling (PA)
Donald E. Dupke, Jr. (IN)
Frederick E. Dyer (MA)
Donald N. Ellis (IN)
Tim E. Holmberg (WI)
Russell D. Jordan (ND)
Warren D. Knabe (NE)
Jackie L. Lane (TX)
Dennis L. Lorenz (IN)
Robert J. Malone (NJ)
Clayton A. Powers (CA)
Dennis R. Scheel (SD)
Michael K. Schulist (MI)
Andrew P. Shirk (MS)
Jerry L. Smit (MN)
Reese L. Sullivan (TX)

Randy J. Voss (IL)
Robert M. Walker (PA)
Robert E. Weiss (MI)
Robert A. Wild (OR)
Randy L. Wyant (OR)

The drivers were included in Docket No. FMCSA–2007–29035; FMCSA–2011–0277. Their exemptions are effective as of December 19, 2015 and will expire on December 19, 2017.

As of December 22, 2015, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 11 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce. (76 FR 66120; 76 FR 79759):

Lennie D. Cook (OH)
David R. Cornelius (IL)
Scott A. Edwards (PA)
Ronald J. Ezell (MO)
Marcus M. Gagne (ME)
David P. Govero (MO)
Christopher A. Jones (WY)
Donald R. McClure, Jr. (PA)
Clyde G. Rishel, Jr. (PA)
Kurt Schneider (VT)
Douglas O. Sundby (ND)

The drivers were included in Docket No. FMCSA–2011–0278. Their exemptions are effective as of December 22, 2015 and will expire on December 22, 2017.

As of December 24, 2015, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 17 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce. (78 FR 64267; 78 FR 77784):

John D. Clark (NJ)
David S. Monroe (KS)
William I. Harbolt (MT)
Mark G. Kahler (TX)
Larry W. Hines (NM)
Their L. Coleman (VA)
Michael W. McCrary (GA)
Jerry D. Zimmerman (ND)
James S. Tracy (ID)
John Baltich (PA)
Donald A. Spivey (TN)
Thomas B. Quirk (CT)
Steven M. Oliver (AZ)
Sean T. McMahon (WI)
David G. Shultz (PA)
Ryan L. Harrier (MI)
John E. Parker (KS)

The drivers were included in Docket No. FMCSA–2013–0184. Their exemptions are effective as of December 24, 2015 and will expire on December 24, 2017.

As of December 31, 2015, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following individual, Gary L. Crawford (OH), has satisfied the renewal

conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (78 FR 65034; 79 FR 3917).

The driver was included in Docket No. FMCSA–2013–0190. The exemption is effective as of December 31, 2015 and will expire on December 31, 2017.

Each of the 133 drivers in the aforementioned groups qualifies for a renewal of the exemption. They have maintained their required medical monitoring and have not exhibited any medical issues that would compromise their ability to safely operate a CMV during the previous 2-year exemption period.

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 of the 133 drivers for a period of two years is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption. The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA–2007–29035; FMCSA–2008–0293; FMCSA–2009–0242; FMCSA–2011–0277; FMCSA–2011–0278; FMCSA–2013–0184; FMCSA–2013–0187; FMCSA–2013–0190.

Request for Comments

FMCSA will review comments received at any time concerning a particular driver's safety record and determine if the continuation of the exemption is consistent with the requirements at 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315. However, FMCSA requests that interested parties with specific data concerning the safety records of these drivers submit comments by December 28, 2015.

FMCSA believes that the requirements for a renewal of an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 can be satisfied by initially granting the renewal and then requesting and evaluating, if needed, subsequent comments submitted by interested parties. As indicated above, the Agency previously published notices of final disposition announcing its decision to exempt these 133 individuals from rule prohibiting persons with ITDM from operating CMVs in interstate commerce in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3). The final decision to grant an exemption to each of these individuals was made on the merits of each case and made only after careful consideration of the comments received to its notices of applications. The notices of applications stated in detail the medical condition of each applicant for an exemption from rule prohibiting persons with ITDM from operating

CMVs in interstate commerce. That information is available by consulting the above cited **Federal Register** publications.

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, FMCSA will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption of a driver.

Submitting Comments

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Issued on: November 16, 2016.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2015–0397]

Commercial Driver's License: Oregon Department of Transportation; Application for Exemption

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

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

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces that it has received an application from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) for a limited exemption from the Agency's commercial learner's permit (CLP) requirement in 49 CFR 383.25(c). The regulation provides that the CLP be valid for no more than 180 days from the date of issuance. The State of issuance may renew the CLP for an additional 180 days without requiring the CLP holder to retake the general and endorsement knowledge tests. ODOT proposes that it be allowed to extend the 180-day timeline to one year for CLPs issued to its drivers for multiple reasons. ODOT believes that there would be no impact on safety if the exemption is granted. FMCSA requests public comment on ODOT's application for exemption. In addition, because the issues concerning ODOT's request could be applicable to each State, FMCSA requests public comments whether the exemption, if granted, should apply to all State Driver's Licensing Agencies (SDLAs).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 28, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket ID FMCSA FMCSA–2015–0397 using any of the following methods:

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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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information concerning this notice, contact Ms. Pearlie Robinson, FMCSA Driver and Carrier Operations Division; Office of Carrier, Driver and Vehicle Safety Standards; Telephone: 202–366–4325. Email: MCPSD@dot.gov. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Services, telephone (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation and Request for Comments

FMCSA encourages you to participate by submitting comments and related materials.

Submitting Comments

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which the comment applies, and provide a reason for suggestions or recommendations. 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 the Agency can contact you if it has questions regarding your submission.

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II. Legal Basis

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 to grant exemptions from certain parts of 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.