

Middlebrook, Craig
[FR Doc. 2016-13870 Filed 6-10-16; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 4910-9X-P

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Buy America Waiver Notification

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information regarding FHWA's finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate for the use of non-domestic galvanized steel cable, galvanized cylindrical sockets, galvanized spherical nuts, galvanized open spelter socket, and stainless steel bollard lamps for the San Eljio Lagoon Pedestrian Bridge/I-5 North Bikeway in the State of California.

DATES: The effective date of the waiver is June 14, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this notice, please contact Mr. Gerald Yakowenko, FHWA Office of Program Administration, telephone at 202-366-1562, or via email at gerald.yakowenko@dot.gov. For legal questions, please contact Mr. William Winne, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, telephone at 202-366-1397, or via email at william.winne@dot.gov. Office hours for the FHWA are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded from the **Federal Register's** Web site at <http://www.archives.gov> and the Government Printing Office's Web site at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

Background

The FHWA's Buy America policy in 23 CFR 635.410 requires a domestic manufacturing process for any steel or iron products (including protective coatings) that are permanently incorporated in a Federal-aid construction project. The regulation also provides for a waiver of the Buy America requirements when the application would be inconsistent with the public interest or when satisfactory quality domestic steel and iron products are not sufficiently available. This notice provides information regarding FHWA's finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate for the use of non-domestic galvanized steel cable,

galvanized cylindrical sockets, galvanized spherical nuts, galvanized open spelter socket, and stainless steel bollard lamps for the San Eljio Lagoon Pedestrian Bridge/I-5 North Bikeway in the State of California.

In accordance with Division K, section 122 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2015 (PL 113-235), FHWA published a notice of intent to issue a waiver on its Web site (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm?id=122>) on March 29th. The FHWA received no comments in response to the publication. Based on all the information available to the agency, FHWA concludes that there are no domestic manufacturers of galvanized steel cable, galvanized cylindrical sockets, galvanized spherical nuts, galvanized open spelter socket, and stainless steel bollard lamps that meets the corrosion protection specifications for the San Eljio Lagoon Pedestrian Bridge/I-5 North Bikeway in the State of California.

In accordance with the provisions of section 117 of the SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008 (PL 110-244, 122 Stat. 1572), FHWA is providing this notice of finding that a waiver of Buy America requirements is appropriate. The FHWA invites public comment on this finding for an additional 15 days following the effective date of the finding. Comments may be submitted to FHWA's Web site via the link provided to the waiver page noted above.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 313; Pub. L. 110-161, 23 CFR 635.410.

Issued on: June 3, 2016.

Gregory G. Nadeau,
Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.

[FR Doc. 2016-13877 Filed 6-10-16; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-22-P

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[FMCSA Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0117]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders

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

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to exempt five individuals from the regulatory requirement that interstate commercial motor vehicle

(CMV) drivers have "no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a CMV." The exemptions enable these individuals to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

DATES: The exemptions were effective on September 12, 2015. The exemptions expire on September 12, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, (202) 366-4001, fmcamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W64-113, 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:

I. Electronic Access

You may see all the comments online through the Federal Document Management System (FDMS) at: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and/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., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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.

II. Background

On August 12, 2015, FMCSA published a notice announcing receipt of applications from 12 individuals requesting an exemption from the prohibition against persons with a clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition that is likely to cause a loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to operate a CMV in interstate commerce and requested comments from the public (80 FR 48406). The public comment period closed on September 11, 2015, and one comment was received.

FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that granting the exemptions to five individuals would achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the

level that would be achieved by complying with the current regulation 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding epilepsy found in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person:

Has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause the loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a CMV.

In addition to the regulations, FMCSA has published advisory criteria¹ to assist medical examiners in determining whether drivers with certain medical conditions are qualified to operate a CMV in interstate commerce. [49 CFR part 391, APPENDIX A TO PART 391—MEDICAL ADVISORY CRITERIA, section *H. Epilepsy*: § 391.41(b)(8), paragraphs 3, 4, and 5.]

The advisory criteria states that if an individual has had a sudden episode of a non-epileptic seizure or loss of consciousness of unknown cause that did not require anti-seizure medication, the decision whether that person's condition is likely to cause the loss of consciousness or loss of ability to control a CMV should be made on an individual basis by the medical examiner in consultation with the treating physician. Before certification is considered, it is suggested that a 6-month waiting period elapse from the time of the episode. Following the waiting period, it is suggested that the individual have a complete neurological examination. If the results of the examination are negative and anti-seizure medication is not required, then the driver may be qualified.

In those individual cases where a driver had a seizure or an episode of loss of consciousness that resulted from a known medical condition (e.g., drug reaction, high temperature, acute infectious disease, dehydration, or acute metabolic disturbance), certification should be deferred until the driver has recovered fully from that condition, has no existing residual complications, and is not taking anti-seizure medication.

As a result of medical examiners misinterpreting advisory criteria as regulation, numerous drivers have been prohibited from operating a CMV in interstate commerce based on the fact that they have had one or more seizures and are taking anti-seizure medication, rather than an individual analysis of

their circumstances by a qualified medical examiner based on the physical qualification standards and medical best practices.

In reaching the decision to grant these exemption requests, the Agency considered the 2007 recommendations of the Agency's Medical Expert Panel (MEP). The January 15, 2013 (78 FR 3069) **Federal Register** notice provides the current MEP recommendations which is the criteria the Agency uses to grant seizure exemptions.

Five of the twelve applicants have been seizure-free over a range of 11 to 26 years while taking anti-seizure medication and maintained a stable medication treatment regimen for the last two years. In each of these cases, the applicant's treating physician verified his or her seizure history and supports the ability to drive commercially. A summary of each applicant's seizure history was discussed in the August 12, 2015 **Federal Register** notice and will not be repeated in this notice.

III. Discussion of Comments

One anonymous commenter opposes granting exemptions to 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8) because of the unpredictability of seizure disorders and the risk this presents to commercial driving. The commenter believes that the physical qualification standards are in place to provide the minimum physical standard to drive commercially and granting these exemptions would "increase the likelihood of a terrible accident due to an unexpected seizure".

The Agency acknowledges this commenter's concerns regarding the safety of individuals with a history of seizure driving commercially. The Agency's decision to grant seizure exemptions is based on the 2007 Evidence Report, the 2007 MEP Recommendations, and an individual evaluation of the driver's medical history and driving record to ensure an acceptable level of safety for drivers who have been seizure-free for an extended period of time.

IV. Basis for Exemption Determination

The Agency has determined that five applicants should be granted an exemption. Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), FMCSA may grant an exemption from the epilepsy/seizure standard in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8) if the exemption is likely to achieve an equivalent or greater level of safety than would be achieved without the exemption. The exemption allows the applicants to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

The Agency's decision regarding these exemption applications is based on 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 (CDLIS) for commercial driver's license (CDL) holders, and interstate and intrastate inspections recorded in the Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS). For non-CDL holders, the Agency reviewed the driving records from the State Driver's Licensing Agency (SDLA). 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 five applicants from the epilepsy/seizure standard in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8) is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption. A decision will be made on the other seven applicants on a later date.

V. Conditions and Requirements

The terms and conditions of the exemption will be provided to the applicants in the exemption document and includes the following: (1) Each individual must remain seizure-free and maintain a stable treatment during the 2-year exemption period; (2) each individual must submit annual reports from their treating physicians attesting to the stability of treatment and that the driver has remained seizure-free; (3) each individual must undergo an annual medical examination by a certified Medical Examiner, as defined by 49 CFR 390.5; and (4) each individual 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.

¹ See http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=e47b48a9ea42dd67d999246e23d97970&mc=true&node=pt49.5.391&rgn=div5#ap49.5.391_171.a and <https://www.gpo.gov/jdsys/pkg/CFR-2015-title49-vol5/pdf/CFR-2015-title49-vol5-part391-appA.pdf>.

VI. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the five exemption applications, FMCSA exempts the following drivers from the epilepsy/seizure standard in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8), subject to the requirements cited above: Eric Joseph Barnwell (MI); Jason S. Coleman (NJ); Charles A. McCarthy III (MA); Randy P. Schuelke (WI); and Cory R. Wagner (IL).

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1), each exemption is valid for 2 years, unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if the following occurs: (1) The individual 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. If the exemption is still effective at the end of the 2-year period, the individual may apply to FMCSA for a renewal under procedures in effect at that time.

Issued on: June 3, 2016.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

[FR Doc. 2016-13867 Filed 6-10-16; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-EX-P

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2016-0069]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments; Clearance of a New Information Collection(s): U.S. Department of Transportation Accessibility Concern Form

AGENCY: Department of Transportation—Office of the Secretary.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1994, (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for the utilization of the U.S. Department of Transportation Accessibility Concern Form when reporting accessibility challenges faced during travel on our

Nation's streets, sidewalks, crosswalks, buses, trains, airports, and planes. The system will provide an accessible, coordinated, and seamless web-based portal for the traveling public to submit accessibility problems or challenges they face during travel on the Nation's streets, sidewalks, crosswalks, buses, trains, airports, and planes. The establishment of the system is in response to the President's National Council on Disability (NCD) Report, "Transition Update: Where We've Been and What We've Learned," released in 2015, as well as a letter to the Secretary of Transportation from the NCD dated May 12, 2015. The information received through the system will strengthen DOT's ability to understand the challenges and impacts that passengers with disabilities face every day when they use our nation's transportation systems.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 12, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket No. DOT-OST-2016-0069 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excepted on Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Yvette Rivera, Departmental Office of Civil Rights, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590; 202-366-4648; adaconcerns@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: XXXX-NEW.

Title: Transportation Accessibility Concern Form.

Form Numbers: None.

Type of Review: OMB Approval.

Background: The current process for submitting concerns about American with Disabilities Act, as amended, (ADA) and other related civil rights violations is fragmented across the

Department—sometimes being time consuming and cumbersome for the traveling public. Establishing a streamlined and consistent process would respond directly to the President's National Council on Disability, and more importantly, the information received through this new system would strengthen our ability to understand the challenges and impacts that persons with disabilities face every day as they travel using our nation's transportation systems. This would also offer significant improvements to ensuring that access to all modes of transportation is available to persons with disabilities and members of the public.

Estimated Number of Respondents: the U.S. Department of Transportation currently collects data on ADA and other civil rights-related concerns based on information provided by the public via written submission, or through a toll-free telephone number. Based on our analysis of data collected through present formats, DOT receives approximately 850 separate responses from the general public on accessibility-related concerns, including:

- 150 pieces of correspondence on one-time accessibility-related incidents
- 120 email messages
- 400 telephone calls
- 172 formal accessibility-related complaints.

Currently, the estimated Total Burden on Respondents: 15 to 30 minutes per submission.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including, (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper processing of transportation-related accessibility issues; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the DOT to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. All responses to the notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Issued in Washington, DC on June 6, 2016.

Habib Azarsina,

OST Privacy and PRA Officer.

[FR Doc. 2016-13872 Filed 6-10-16; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-9X-P