

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)
Stephen F. Clendenin (NY)
Donald P. Dean (MI)
Pradip B. Desai (PA)
Howard M. Galton (IL)
Steve Gumienny (CA)
Brian M. Katayama (CA)
Hubert S. Paxton (KY)

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. Baxter (MI)
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)
Joby 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. Kauffman (WI)
Christopher J. Kittoe (WI)
Joshua L. Kroetch (MN)
Wesley S. Langham (IL)
Andrew K. Lofton (AL)
Salvador Lopez (AZ)
Joseph M. Macias (NM)
Robert J. Marino (NJ)
David J. McCoy (UT)

William E. Medlin (MN)
Anthony J. Miller (MN)
Carlos A. Napoles, Jr. (NJ)
Kathryn J. Nelms (KS)
Antonio C. Oliveira (PA)
Christopher P. Overton (IL)
Ronald E. Patrick (IN)
Stephen J. Pelton (PA)
Bryant S. Perry (NC)
Kenneth R. Perschon (IL)
Joseph R. Polhamus (LA)
Brian K. Rajkovich (CA)
Joseph E. Resetar (NJ)
Rodney B. Roberts (MS)
Arlan M. Roesler (WI)
Mark J. Rone (IL)
Barry J. Sanderson (MT)
John J. Steigauf (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 G. Worl (MT)
Tommy W. Wornick (TX)
Robert T. Yeftich (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. Amtower (WV)
Steven Brickey (CO)
Ronald K. Coleman (KY)
Randall L. Corrick (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. Regavich (NJ)
Ramon I. Zamora-Ortiz (WA)

The drivers were included in Docket No. FMCSA–2012–0163. 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.

Issued on: March 23, 2017.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[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:

FAST Act

Section 5503 of the FAST Act (Pub. L. 114–94) (December 4, 2015) requires the HHG Working Group to provide recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation, through the FMCSA Administrator. The Working Group will operate in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

As required by Section 5503 of the FAST Act, the Working Group will make recommendations in three areas relating to “how to best convey to consumers relevant information with respect to the Federal laws concerning the interstate transportation of household goods by motor carrier.” Those areas are:

1. How to condense the FMCSA “Ready to Move?” tips published in April 2006 (FMCSA–ESA–03–005) into a more consumer friendly format;
2. How best to use state-of-the-art education techniques and technologies (including how to optimize use of the Internet as an educational tool); and
3. How to reduce and simplify the paperwork required of motor carriers and shippers in interstate transportation.

Section 5503 mandates that the Secretary of Transportation appoint a Working Group that is comprised of (i) individuals with expertise in consumer affairs; (ii) educators with expertise in how people learn most effectively; and (iii) representatives of the FMCSA regulated interstate HHG moving industry.

On April 20, 2016, FMCSA solicited applications and nominations of interested persons to serve on the HHG Working Group. Applications and nominations were due on or before May 20, 2016 [81 FR 23354]. The HHG Working Group met for the first time on January 4–5, 2017.

The Working Group will terminate one year after the date its recommendations are submitted to the Secretary of Transportation.

Meeting Information

Meetings will be open to the general public, except as provided under FACA. Notice of each meeting will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 15 calendar days prior to the date of the meeting.

For the May 2–4, 2017, meeting, oral comments from the public will be heard from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on May 4, 2017. Should all public comments be exhausted prior to the end of the specified oral comment period, the comment period will close.

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William A. Quade,

Associate Administrator for Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[Docket No. FMCSA–2013–0124; FMCSA–2014–0103; FMCSA–2014–0106; FMCSA–2014–0102; FMCSA–2014–0105; FMCSA–2014–0107; FMCSA–2014–1004]

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, *fmcamedical@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.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket No. FMCSA–2013–0124; FMCSA–2014–0103; FMCSA–2014–0106; FMCSA–2014–0102; FMCSA–2014–0105; FMCSA–2014–0107; FMCSA–2014–0104 using any of the following methods:

- *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