

vehicle safety and environmental requirements and to promote technological advancements in vehicle safety systems and emissions reductions. Mr. Helbing needs to drive Daimler vehicles on public roads to better understand “real world” environments in the U.S. market. According to Daimler, Mr. Helbing will typically drive for no more than 6 hours per day for 2 consecutive days, and that 10 percent of the test driving will be on two-lane State highways, while 90 percent will be on Interstate highways. The driving will consist of no more than 200 miles per day, for a total of 400 miles during a two-day period on a quarterly basis. He will in all cases be accompanied by a holder of a U.S. CDL who is familiar with the routes to be traveled.

Mr. Helbing holds a valid German commercial license, and as explained by Daimler in its exemption request, the requirements for that license ensure that the same level of safety is met or exceeded as if this driver had a U.S. CDL. Furthermore, according to Daimler, Mr. Helbing is familiar with the operation of CMVs worldwide. Daimler requests that the exemption cover the maximum allowable duration of 5 years.

IV. Method To Ensure an Equivalent or Greater Level of Safety

FMCSA has previously determined that the process for obtaining a German commercial license is comparable to, or as effective as, the requirements of part 383, and adequately assesses the driver's ability to operate CMVs in the U.S. Since 2012, FMCSA has granted Daimler drivers similar exemptions [May 25, 2012 (77 FR 31422); July 22, 2014 (79 FR 42626); March 27, 2015 (80 FR 16511); October 5, 2015 (80 FR 60220); July 12, 2016 (81 FR 45217); July 25, 2016 (81 FR 48496)].

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-1998-4334; FMCSA-2000-7006; FMCSA-2000-7363; FMCSA-2000-7918; FMCSA-2000-8398; FMCSA-2001-9258; FMCSA-2002-12844; FMCSA-2003-14504; FMCSA-2004-17984; FMCSA-2004-19477; FMCSA-2005-20027; FMCSA-2005-20560; FMCSA-2006-26066; FMCSA-2007-27333; FMCSA-2007-27515; FMCSA-2008-0106; FMCSA-2008-0398; FMCSA-2009-0054; FMCSA-2009-0086; FMCSA-2011-0010; FMCSA-2011-0092; FMCSA-2012-0337; FMCSA-2013-0022; FMCSA-2013-0024; FMCSA-2013-0025; FMCSA-2013-0026; FMCSA-2014-0299; FMCSA-2014-0300; FMCSA-2014-0299; FMCSA-2014-0302; FMCSA-2014-0303; FMCSA-2014-0304; FMCSA-2014-0305; FMCSA-2014-0305; FMCSA-2015-0048]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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 120 individuals from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. The exemptions enable these individuals to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce without meeting the vision requirement in one eye.

DATES: Each group of renewed exemptions was 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 June 14, 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-1998-4334; FMCSA-2000-7006; FMCSA-2000-7363; FMCSA-2000-7918; FMCSA-2000-8398; FMCSA-2001-9258; FMCSA-2002-12844; FMCSA-2003-14504; FMCSA-2004-17984; FMCSA-2004-19477; FMCSA-2005-20027; FMCSA-2005-20560;

FMCSA-2006-26066; FMCSA-2007-27333; FMCSA-2007-27515; FMCSA-2008-0106; FMCSA-2008-0398; FMCSA-2009-0054; FMCSA-2009-0086; FMCSA-2011-0010; FMCSA-2011-0092; FMCSA-2012-0337; FMCSA-2013-0022; FMCSA-2013-0024; FMCSA-2013-0025; FMCSA-2013-0026; FMCSA-2014-0299; FMCSA-2014-0300; FMCSA-2014-0302; FMCSA-2014-0303; FMCSA-2014-0304; FMCSA-2014-0305; FMCSA-2015-0048 using any of the following methods:

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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 vision found in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) states that a person is physically qualified to driver a CMV if that person:

Has distant visual acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in each eye without corrective lenses or visual acuity separately corrected to 20/40 (Snellen) or better with corrective lenses, distant binocular acuity of a least 20/40 (Snellen) in both eyes with or without corrective lenses, field of vision of at least 70° in the horizontal meridian in each eye, and the ability to recognize the colors of traffic signals and devices showing red, green, and amber.

The 120 individuals listed in this notice have requested renewal of their exemptions from the vision standard in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), in accordance with FMCSA procedures. Accordingly, FMCSA has evaluated these applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable two-year period

II. Request for Comments

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.

III. 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. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, each of the 120 applicants has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement (63 FR 66226; 64 FR 16517; 65 FR 20245; 65 FR 45817; 65 FR 57230; 65 FR 66286; 65 FR 77066; 65 FR 78256; 66 FR 13825; 66 FR 16311; 66 FR 17743; 66 FR 17994; 66 FR 33990; 67 FR 57266; 67 FR 68719; 68 FR 2629; 68 FR 13360; 68 FR 19598; 68 FR 33570; 68 FR 35772; 69 FR 33997; 69 FR 61292; 69 FR 64806;

69 FR 71100; 70 FR 2701; 70 FR 2705; 70 FR 12265; 70 FR 16887; 70 FR 17504; 70 FR 25878; 70 FR 30997; 70 FR 33937; 70 FR 37891; 71 FR 63379; 72 FR 184; 72 FR 1050; 72 FR 1051; 72 FR 1053; 72 FR 5489; 72 FR 11425; 72 FR 11426; 72 FR 12666; 72 FR 21313; 72 FR 25831; 72 FR 27624; 72 FR 28093; 72 FR 32703; 72 FR 32705; 72 FR 34062; 73 FR 78423; 74 FR 6207; 74 FR 7097; 74 FR 8302; 74 FR 8842; 74 FR 11988; 74 FR 15584; 74 FR 15586; 74 FR 19267; 74 FR 20253; 74 FR 21427; 74 FR 23472; 74 FR 26464; 74 FR 26471; 74 FR 28094; 75 FR 79083; 76 FR 8809; 76 FR 9856; 76 FR 11215; 76 FR 12216; 76 FR 15361; 76 FR 20076; 76 FR 21796; 76 FR 25766; 76 FR 29026; 76 FR 32016; 76 FR 32017; 76 FR 34133; 76 FR 34135; 76 FR 37885; 77 FR 70534; 77 FR 74734; 78 FR 9772; 78 FR 12815; 78 FR 12822; 78 FR 14410; 78 FR 16761; 78 FR 16762; 78 FR 16912; 78 FR 20376; 78 FR 22596; 78 FR 22598; 78 FR 22602; 78 FR 29431; 78 FR 30954; 78 FR 32703; 78 FR 32708; 78 FR 34140; 78 FR 34141; 78 FR 37270; 78 FR 37274; 78 FR 57677; 79 FR 73397; 80 FR 2473; 80 FR 3305; 80 FR 3308; 80 FR 9304; 80 FR 12248; 80 FR 12254; 80 FR 12547; 80 FR 14223; 80 FR 14240; 80 FR 15859; 80 FR 15863; 80 FR 16502; 80 FR 18693; 80 FR 20559; 80 FR 22773; 80 FR 25766; 80 FR 25768; 80 FR 26139; 80 FR 29149; 80 FR 29152; 80 FR 29154; 80 FR 31635; 80 FR 31640; 80 FR 31962; 80 FR 33009; 80 FR 33011; 80 FR 33324; 80 FR 45573; 80 FR 48409). They have submitted evidence showing that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the requirement specified at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) and that the vision impairment is stable. In addition, a review of each record of safety while driving with the respective vision deficiencies over the past two years indicates each applicant continues to meet the vision exemption requirements. 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 renewal applicant for a period of two years is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following groups of drivers received renewed exemptions in the month of July and are discussed below:

As of June 4, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 38 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (65 FR 66286; 65 FR 78256; 66 FR 13825; 66 FR 16311; 67 FR 68719; 68 FR 2629; 68 FR 13360; 68 FR 19598; 68 FR

33570; 69 FR 33997; 69 FR 61292; 69 FR 64806; 69 FR 71100; 70 FR 2705; 70 FR 12265; 70 FR 16887; 70 FR 25878; 71 FR 63379; 72 FR 184; 72 FR 1050; 72 FR 1051; 72 FR 1053; 72 FR 5489; 72 FR 11425; 72 FR 11426; 72 FR 28093; 73 FR 78423; 74 FR 6207; 74 FR 7097; 74 FR 8302; 74 FR 8842; 74 FR 11988; 74 FR 15584; 74 FR 15586; 74 FR 20253; 74 FR 21427; 75 FR 79083; 76 FR 8809; 76 FR 9856; 76 FR 11215; 76 FR 11216; 76 FR 15361; 76 FR 20076; 76 FR 21796; 76 FR 29026; 77 FR 70534; 77 FR 74734; 78 FR 9772; 78 FR 12815; 78 FR 12822; 78 FR 14410; 78 FR 16761; 78 FR 16762; 78 FR 16912; 78 FR 22596; 78 FR 22602; 78 FR 29431; 78 FR 30954; 79 FR 73397; 80 FR 2473; 80 FR 3305; 80 FR 3308; 80 FR 9304; 80 FR 12248; 80 FR 12254; 80 FR 12547; 80 FR 14223; 80 FR 14240; 80 FR 15859; 80 FR 15863; 80 FR 16502; 80 FR 18693; 80 FR 20559; 80 FR 22773; 80 FR 25766; 80 FR 29152; 80 FR 33011; 80 FR 33324; 80 FR 45573); Charles D. Ashworth (KY); Jimmie L. Blue (MT); Ronald G. Bradley (IN); Terry L. Daneau (NH); Tracy A. Doty (TN); Glenn E. Dowell (IN); Jerald O. Edwards (ID); Kenneth E. Flack, Jr. (AL); Maylin E. Frickey (OR); Ramon L. Green (LA); Richard G. Gruber (SC); Matthew J. Hahn (PA); Gerald L. Harper (MO); Dennis K. Harris (GA); Leon E. Jackson (GA); Francisco J. Jimenez (TX); William D. Johnson (OK); Jimmy C. Killian (NC); Peter M. Kirby (NJ); Robert T. Lantry (MA); Phillip L. Mangan (OH); Clarence M. Miles (OK); Steven M. Montalbo (CA); Richard N. Moyer, Jr. (PA); Craig C. Perrotta (MA); Virgil A. Potts (CO); Donald G. Reed (FL); Vincent Rubino (NJ); Randy G. Spilman (OH); Joseph Stenberg (MT); Terrance W. Temple (OH); Thomas S. Thompson (NE); Jeffrey W. Tucker (IN); Russell E. Ward (NH); Robert A. Wegner (MN); Wayne A. Whitehead (NY); Thomas W. Workman (IL); Kevin D. Zaloudek (VT)

The drivers were included in one of the following docket Nos: FMCSA–2000–7918; FMCSA–2000–8398; FMCSA–2002–12844; FMCSA–2003–14504; FMCSA–2004–17984; FMCSA–2004–19477; FMCSA–2006–26066; FMCSA–2008–0398; FMCSA–2009–

0054; FMCSA–2011–0010; FMCSA–2012–0337; FMCSA–2013–0022; FMCSA–2013–0024; FMCSA–2014–0299; FMCSA–2014–0300; FMCSA–2014–0302; FMCSA–2014–0303; FMCSA–2014–0304; FMCSA–2014–0305. Their exemptions are effective as of June 4, 2017, and will expire on June 4, 2019.

As of June 6, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 27 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (78 FR 20376; 78 FR 34141; 80 FR 26139; 80 FR 29149; 80 FR 48409):

Glenn Blanton (OH)
Matthew J. Buersken (MN)
Stephen M. Cook (PA)
Roderick Croft (FL)
Lawrence M. Davis (VT)
Bobby C. Floyd (TN)
Jayme L. Gilbert (NY)
Jesse M. Greene (TN)
Wesley D. Hogue (AR)
Robert W. Kleve (IA)
Anthony Lang (NH)
Jason C. Laub (OH)
Edward J. Lavin (CT)
Wayne D. Litwiller, Sr. (IL)
Collin C. Longacre (PA)
Luther A. McKinney (VA)
Steven J. McLain (TN)
Raymond W. Meier (WA)
Enes Milanovic (MI)
Michael L. Penrod (IA)
David P. Ramos (CA)
Donie L. Rhoads (MT)
Steven Schaumberg (NJ)
Dale G. Stringer (TX)
James B. Taflinger, Sr. (VA)
Michael J. Tauriac, Jr. (LA)
Ronald W. Thompson (WI)

The drivers were included in one of the following docket Nos: FMCSA–2013–0025; FMCSA–2015–0048. Their exemptions are effective as of June 6, 2017, and will expire on June 6, 2019.

As of June 12, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 8 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (74 FR 19267; 74 FR 28094; 76 FR 32016; 76 FR 32703; 80 FR 25768):

Michael D. Abel (NE)
Paul M. Christina (PA)
Edward J. Grant (IL)
Johnny K. Hiatt (NC)
Jeffrey M. Mueller (MO)
George M. Nelson (OH)
Christopher A. Weidner (CT)
Paul A. Wolfe (OH)

The drivers were included in one of the following docket Nos: FMCSA–2008–0106; FMCSA–2009–0086. Their exemptions are effective as of June 12, 2017, and will expire on June 12, 2019.

As of June 13, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 11 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (70 FR 17504; 70 FR 30997; 72 FR 21313; 72 FR 27624; 72 FR 32703; 74 FR 23472; 76 FR 32017; 78 FR 32708; 80 FR 29154):

Roosevelt Bell, Jr. (NC)
David K. Boswell (TN)
Bernabe V. Cerda (TX)
Michael S. Crawford (IL)
Rex A. Dyer (VT)
Patrick J. Goebel (IA)
Thomas A. Gotto (IA)
Kenneth C. Reeves (OR)
Thomas E. Summers, Sr. (OH)
Daniel E. Watkins (FL)
Tommy N. Whitworth (TX)

The drivers were included in one of the following docket Nos: FMCSA–2005–20560; FMCSA–2007–27515. Their exemptions are effective as of June 13, 2017, and will expire on June 13, 2019.

As of June 20, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 8 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (72 FR 21313; 72 FR 32703; 74 FR 11988; 74 FR 19267; 74 FR 21427; 74 FR 23472; 74 FR 28094; 76 FR 21796; 76 FR 32016; 76 FR 32017; 78 FR 12815; 78 FR 16912; 78 FR 22596; 78 FR 22598; 78 FR 22602; 78 FR 29431; 78 FR 32703; 78 FR 32708; 78 FR 37274; 80 FR 31635):

Fred Boggs (WV)
Russell A. Bolduc (CT)
James M. Del Sasso (IL)
Darryl W. Hardy (AL)
Larry M. Hawkins (AZ)
Terry L. Lipscomb (AL)
Joseph E. Pfaff (IL)
Dustin N. Sullivan (MD)

The drivers were included in one of the following docket Nos: FMCSA–2007–27515; FMCSA–2009–0054; FMCSA–2009–0086; FMCSA–2013–0022; FMCSA–2013–0024; FMCSA–2013–0026. Their exemptions are effective as of June 20, 2017, and will expire on June 20, 2019.

As of June 26, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 14 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (63 FR 66226; 64 FR 16517; 65 FR 20245; 65 FR 45817; 65 FR 57230; 65 FR 77066; 66 FR 17743; 66 FR 17994; 66 FR 33990; 67 FR 57266; 68 FR 35772; 70 FR 2701; 70 FR 16887; 70 FR 17504; 70 FR 30997; 70 FR 33937; 72 FR 12666; 72 FR 25831; 72 FR 32705; 74 FR 15586; 74 FR 26464; 76 FR 21796; 76 FR 34135; 78 FR 34140; 80 FR 33009):

Johnny A. Beutler (SD)
Brett L. Condon (MD)
Christopher A. Deadman (MI)
Daryl A. Jester (DE)
James P. Jones (ME)
Clyde H. Kitzan (ND)
Larry J. Lang (MI)
William A. Moore, Jr. (NV)
Richard S. Rehbein (MN)
David E. Sanders (NC)
David B. Speller (MN)
Lynn D. Veach (IA)
Harry S. Warren (FL)
Michael C. Wines (MD)

The drivers were included in one of the following docket Nos: FMCSA–1998–4334; FMCSA–2000–7006; FMCSA–2000–7363; FMCSA–2001–9258; FMCSA–2005–20027; FMCSA–2005–20560; FMCSA–2007–27333. Their exemptions are effective as of June 26, 2017, and will expire on June 26, 2019.

As of June 28, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 11 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (76 FR 25766; 76 FR 37885; 78 FR 37270; 80 FR 31640):

Jan M. Bernath (OH)
Joseph L. Butler (IN)
Shawn Carroll (OK)
Walter C. Dean, Sr. (AL)
Mark T. Gileau (CT)
Peter D. Gouge (IA)
Alan D. Harberts (IA)
Wendell S. Sehen (OH)
Gary E. Valentine (OH)
Kevin W. Van Arsdol (CO)
Charles Van Dyke (WI)

The drivers were included in docket No. FMCSA–2011–0092. Their exemptions are effective as of June 28, 2017, and will expire on June 28, 2019.

As of June 30, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 3 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (65 FR 78256; 66 FR 16311; 68 FR 13360; 70 FR 2701; 70 FR 16887; 70 FR 17504; 70 FR 30997; 70 FR 37891; 72 FR 27624; 72 FR 34062; 74 FR 26471; 76 FR 34133; 78 FR 57677; 80 FR 31962):

Edmund J. Barron (PA)
Roger K. Cox (NJ)
Thomas E. Howard (IN)

The drivers were included in one of the following docket Nos: FMCSA–2000–8398; FMCSA–2005–20027; FMCSA–2005–20560. Their exemptions are effective as of June 30, 2017, and will expire on June 30, 2019.

Conditions and Requirements

The exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: (1) Each

driver must undergo an annual physical examination (a) by an ophthalmologist or optometrist who attests that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the requirements in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), and (b) by a certified Medical Examiner, as defined by 49 CFR 390.5, who attests that the driver is otherwise physically qualified under 49 CFR 391.41; (2) each driver must provide a copy of the ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report to the Medical Examiner at the time of the annual medical examination; and (3) each driver must provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver's qualification file and retains a copy of the certification on his/her person while driving for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official. The exemption will be rescinded if: (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 before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315.

IV. Preemption

During the period the exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation that conflicts with this exemption with respect to a person operating under the exemption.

VI. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the 120 exemption applications, FMCSA renews the exemptions of the aforementioned drivers from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), subject to the requirements cited above (49 CFR 391.64(b)). In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, each exemption will be valid for two years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA.

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Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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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 145 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 June 14, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) numbers: Docket No. FMCSA-2006-26601; FMCSA-2009-0115; FMCSA-2011-0080; FMCSA-2011-0093; FMCSA-2011-0103; FMCSA-2013-0015; FMCSA-2013-0016; FMCSA-2013-0017; FMCSA-2015-0058; FMCSA-2015-0059 using any of the following methods:

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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 W64-113, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. 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 145 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