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**Lirio Liu,**

*Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

### Petition for Exemption

*Docket No.:* FAA-2016-8866.

*Petitioner:* KaiserAir, Inc.

*Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected:* 121.613, 121.623(a), and 121.625.

*Description of Relief Sought:* KaiserAir, Inc. would like an exemption that would permit the flight release of KAI aircraft under instrument flight rules when conditional language in a one-time increment of the weather forecast states that the weather at the destination, alternate airport, or both airports could be below the authorized minimums when other time increments of the weather forecast state the weather conditions will be at or above the authorized weather minimums.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2005-20721; FMCSA-2009-0174; FMCSA-2013-0020; FMCSA-2015-0064; FMCSA-2015-0065; FMCSA-2015-0066]

### 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 exemptions for 121 individuals from its prohibition in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) against persons with insulin-treated diabetes mellitus (ITDM) from operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. The exemptions enable these individuals with ITDM to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** Each group of renewed exemptions were applicable 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 September 21, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, 202-366-4001, [fmcsamedical@dot.gov](mailto:fmcsamedical@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 5:30 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.

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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 diabetes found in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person:

Has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of diabetes mellitus currently requiring insulin for control.

The 121 individuals listed in this notice have requested renewal of their exemptions from the diabetes standard in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3), 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 121 applicants has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the diabetes requirement (70 FR 23898; 70 FR 52465; 74 FR 37288; 74 FR 48641; 78 FR 38439; 78 FR 60014; 80 FR 47024; 80 FR 48396; 80 FR 49304; 80 FR 77079; 80 FR 79399; 80 FR 79411). 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 two-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 these drivers for a period of two years is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

As of September 2, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following three individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (70 FR 23898; 70 FR 52465): Lee R. Kumm (WI), Mitchell L. Pullen (NE), Steven R. Zoller (MN).

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2005–20721. Their exemptions are applicable as of September 2, 2017, and will expire on September 2, 2019.

As of September 9, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 28 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (80 FR 47024; 80 FR 79411):

Earl H. Andreas (PA)  
 Kristopher K. Bitting (PA)  
 Eric A. Bouldin (TX)  
 Victor Carranza (IA)  
 Steven A. Casavant (RI)  
 Justin M. Coffey (KY)  
 Steven W. Conrad, Jr. (PA)  
 Jeremy L. Demar (MN)  
 Anthony C. Eavenson (NM)  
 Markie Q. Elsey (MD)  
 Michael W. Finnegan (NJ)  
 Gale A. Gallagher (IL)  
 Scott E. Gallagher (VA)  
 David L. Hareland (MN)  
 Brian C. Kenerson (NH)  
 Garrett P. Lockwood (IN)  
 Sean P. McNally (AZ)  
 Ryan A. McNaught (FL)  
 Paul R. Monfils (RI)  
 Bryan Moser (AR)  
 Anthony J. Nault (NH)  
 Alvin W. Peck, Jr. (SD)  
 Kenneth W. Romjue (OK)  
 Randy E. Smith (PA)  
 Curtis G. Taylor (WA)  
 Jacob F.M. Tucker (UT)  
 Joseph T. Webb, Jr. (NH)  
 Douglas L. Zerkle (OH)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2015–0064. Their exemptions are applicable as of September 9, 2017, and will expire on September 9, 2019.

As of September 12, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 29 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (80 FR 48396; 80 FR 77079):

Reynaldo R. Amaro (TX)  
 Brandon C. Bair (NV)  
 James K. Copley (WV)  
 Richard L. Corzine (IL)  
 Kevin D. Crouse (CA)  
 Thomas A. Draper (CA)  
 John J. Fortman (ND)  
 Jamey M. George (MO)  
 Matthew Harkanson (PA)  
 Kenneth P. Hazel (NM)  
 Tracy D. Henderson (NM)  
 Gary H. Jacobs (VT)  
 Jack L. Lane Jr. (KS)  
 Thomas J. Leffingwell (NY)  
 Donald R. Meckley, Jr. (MD)  
 Jeffrey K. Moore (KY)  
 Sidney T. Nalley, Jr. (GA)  
 Jason B. Nolte (IN)  
 James G. Pruitt (MO)  
 Thomas V. Ransom (ID)  
 Raymond D. Reber (IN)  
 Jackson A. Savarese (CA)  
 Richard A. Sawyer (ME)  
 Bruno T. Schizzano (NY)  
 Christopher S. Seago (NE)  
 Joseph W. Sprague (NM)  
 Derrick L. Vaughan (TX)

Anthony J. Vicario (NY)  
 Henry D. Yeska III (PA)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2015–0065. Their exemptions are applicable as of September 12, 2017, and will expire on September 12, 2019.

As of September 17, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 40 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (80 FR 49304; 80 FR 79399):

Joshua E. Adkins (KS)  
 Rosendo R. Amador (TX)  
 George H. Bonney, Jr. (NH)  
 John J. D'Agostino (NJ)  
 James R. Ditman (IN)  
 Eric D. Egan (IL)  
 Walter R. Elser (VT)  
 Ryan S. Farrell (MA)  
 Patrick F. Felix (WI)  
 Jermaine Galle (GA)  
 Gary A. Gross (SD)  
 Terry L. Guynes (MO)  
 Colin W. Hale (NY)  
 Clarence Hill (NY)  
 Marcus Hughes (GA)  
 Michael C. Lewis (SD)  
 Robert L. Moberly (OR)  
 Jason L. Montgomery (WA)  
 John F. Mortieau (MT)  
 Alexander Musalin (WA)  
 Clark E. Najac (NY)  
 Matthew S. Ness (WI)  
 Andrew T. Oezer (MI)  
 Vanja Pazin (OR)  
 Troy A. Pearl (WA)  
 Randell J. Pecenka (IA)  
 Leonard M. Radford (IN)  
 Jerry J. Rava (CA)  
 William J. Rixon Jr. (NJ)  
 Matias Rodriguez Jr. (CT)  
 William J. Schrade (CT)  
 John W. Schwirian (PA)  
 Shain L. Simpson (UT)  
 Neil E. Smith (KS)  
 Joey F. Starnes (AL)  
 Joshua R. Stieb (CO)  
 Donald L. Strand (MT)  
 Rick L. Vosburg (CA)  
 William G. Wressell (WA)  
 Randy P. Young (IN)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2015–0066. Their exemptions are applicable as of September 17, 2017, and will expire on September 17, 2019.

As of September 18, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following six 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 38439; 78 FR 60014):

Larry K. Brindle (KS)  
 Donald F. Kurzejewski (PA)  
 Joshua O. Lilly (VA)  
 Steven C. Lundberg (IA)  
 Roger D. Mott (IA)  
 Christopher J. Wisner (MD)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2013–0020. Their exemptions are applicable as of September 18, 2017, and will expire on September 18, 2019.

As of September 22, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 15 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 37288; 74 FR 48641):

Michael F. Arthur (ME)  
 Roelf F. Aufforth (MN)  
 Christopher S. Cate (NH)  
 Raymond A. Dietz (FL)  
 Steven C. Ellenberger (NE)  
 Dori A. Hoffmann (NE)  
 William C. Howard (VA)  
 Steven A. Mayhew (NY)  
 Michael G. Mulder (MN)  
 Bradley D. Nickles, Jr. (NH)  
 Frank A. Rhodes (WI)  
 James B. Roth (IL)  
 Matthew T. Russell (TN)  
 Tranquilino D. Sena (NM)  
 John A. Serth, Jr. (NY)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2009–0174. Their exemptions are applicable as of September 22, 2017, and will expire on September 22, 2019.

#### IV. Conditions and Requirements

The exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: (1) Each driver must submit a quarterly monitoring checklist completed by the treating endocrinologist as well as an annual checklist with a comprehensive medical evaluation; (2) each driver must report within two 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) each driver must submit an annual ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report; and (4) each driver must 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 exemption when 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.

#### V. 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 121 exemption applications, FMCSA renews the exemptions of the aforementioned drivers from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, each exemption will be valid for two years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA.

Issued on: August 10, 2017.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2008–0355; FMCSA–2014–0381; FMCSA–2014–0382]

#### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders

**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 five individuals from the requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) 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 who have had one or more seizures and are taking anti-seizure medication to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** The renewed exemptions were applicable on July 12, 2017. The

renewed exemptions will expire on July 12, 2019. Comments must be received on or before September 21, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, 202–366–4001, [fmcamedical@dot.gov](mailto: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.

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