

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>18</sup>

**Eduardo A. Aleman,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Disaster Declaration #16018 and #16019; TEXAS Disaster Number TX-00517]**

**Administrative Declaration of a Disaster for the State of Texas**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of Texas dated 07/10/2019.

*Incident:* Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds and Flooding.

*Incident Period:* 05/07/2019 through 05/08/2019.

**DATES:** Issued on 07/10/2019.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 09/09/2019.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 04/10/2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Fort Bend, Gregg, Contiguous Counties:

Texas: Austin, Brazoria, Harris, Harrison, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Waller, Wharton.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.875
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	1.938
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere .....	8.000
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000

	Percent
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.750
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.750
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.750

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 16018 B and for economic injury is 16019 0.

The State which received an EIDL Declaration # is Texas.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

**Christopher Pilkerton,**  
*Acting Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**[Public Notice: 10821]**

**Notice of Determinations; Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition—Determinations: “In a Cloud, in a Wall, in a Chair: Six Modernists in Mexico at Midcentury” Exhibition**

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: I hereby determine that the objects to be exhibited in the exhibition “In a Cloud, in a Wall, in a Chair: Six Modernists in Mexico at Midcentury,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Art Institute of Chicago, in Chicago, Illinois, from on or about September 6, 2019, until on or about January 12, 2020, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6471; email: [section2459@state.gov](mailto:section2459@state.gov)). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, SA-5, Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The foregoing determinations were made

pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000.

**Marie Therese Porter Royce,**  
*Assistant Secretary, Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

**[Docket No. FMCSA-2018-0180]**

**Hours of Service of Drivers: Application for Exemption; Small Business in Transportation Coalition**

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

**ACTION:** Application for exemption; final determination.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to deny the application of the Small Business in Transportation Coalition (SBTC) for an exemption from the electronic logging device (ELD) requirements for all motor carriers with fewer than 50 employees, including, but not limited to, one-person private and for-hire owner-operators of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) used in interstate commerce. FMCSA has analyzed the exemption application and public comments, and has determined that it cannot ensure that granting for the requested exemption would achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information concerning this notice, contact Ms. LaTonya Mimms, Chief, FMCSA Driver and Carrier Operations Division; Office of Carrier, Driver and Vehicle Safety Standards; Telephone: 202-366-4024. Email: [MCPSD@dot.gov](mailto:MCPSD@dot.gov). If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Services, telephone (202) 366-9826.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 to grant exemptions from certain Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). 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.

FMCSA reviews safety analyses and public comments submitted, and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by the current regulation (49 CFR 381.305). The decision of the Agency and the reasons for denying an application must be published in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)).

On December 16, 2015 (80 FR 78292), FMCSA published a final rule requiring most drivers then required to prepare hours-of-service (HOS) records of duty status (RODS) to use electronic logging devices (ELDs) instead of the previous paper logs to document their RODS. The compliance date for the ELD requirement was December 18, 2017.

### III. Request for Exemption

The Small Business in Transportation Coalition (SBTC) is a non-profit trade organization with more than 8,000 members. SBTC stated that it “represents, promotes, and protects the interest of small businesses in the transportation industry. Through the exemption application, SBTC seeks relief from the ELD requirements for small private, common and contract motor carriers with fewer than 50 employees.” SBTC contends that:

“[T]he ELD rule is not a ‘safety regulation’ per se as the FMCSA has concluded. Rather it is a mechanism intended to enforce a safety regulation by regulating the manner in which a driver records and communicates his compliance. That is, it is merely a tool to determine compliance with an existing rule that regulates over-the-road drivers’ driving and on duty time, namely the actual safety regulation: the [HOS] regulations codified at 49 CFR 395.3 and 395.5. However, the ELD rule is not a safety regulation itself. Therefore, it is our position that this rule does *not* itself impact safety, and that the level of safety will not change based on whether or not our exemption application is approved. That would require a change to the [hours-of-service rules].”

SBTC asserts that the exemption would not have any adverse impacts on operational safety, as motor carriers and drivers would remain subject to the HOS regulations in 49 CFR 395.3, as well as the requirements to maintain a paper RODS under 49 CFR 395.8. The applicant argues that the requested exemption would allow motor carriers

with fewer than 50 employees to maintain their current practices that have resulted in a proven safety record. A copy of SBTC’s application for exemption is available for view in the docket for this rulemaking.

### Public Comments

On June 5, 2018, FMCSA published SBTC’s application for exemption and requested public comment (83 FR 26140). The Agency received more than 1,900 comments. Although some comments focused more on the HOS rules than the exemption application and others were simply unclassifiable, the Agency estimates that over 95 percent of the comments favored the exemption, while more than 4 percent were opposed.

### FMCSA Decision

For the reasons given below, FMCSA denies the SBTC application for exemption. The SBTC application does not meet the regulatory standards for an exemption. SBTC failed to provide “[t]he name of the individual or motor carrier that would be responsible for the use or operation of CMVs” under the exemption [49 CFR 381.310(b)(2)]. SBTC did not provide the name of a single motor carrier. SBTC failed to “[p]rovide[] an estimate of the total number of drivers and CMVs that would be operated under the terms and conditions of the exemption” [§ 381.310(c)(3)]. Instead, SBTC said “we defer to FMCSA to determine the total number of drivers and CMVs that would be operated under the exemption.” SBTC failed to “[e]xplain[] how you would ensure that you could achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety that would be obtained by complying with the regulation” [§ 381.310(c)(5)]. The application said “we believe the level of safety is already assured by the pre-existing Hours of Service rule as opposed to this ELD enforcement mechanism rule.”

Nor did SBTC meet the statutory requirement in 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(5)(D) to describe “[t]he specific countermeasures the person would undertake to ensure an equivalent or greater level of safety than would be achieved absent the requested exemption.” SBTC proposed no countermeasures at all.

For all of these reasons, FMCSA denies SBTC’s request for exemption.

Issued on: July 9, 2019.

**Raymond P. Martinez,**  
*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2018–0346]

#### Commercial Driver’s Licenses; Pilot Program To Allow Drivers Under 21 To Operate Commercial Motor Vehicles in Interstate Commerce; Extension of Comment Period

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) extends the comment period for its May 15, 2019 notice concerning a possible pilot program to allow non-military drivers aged 18, 19, and 20 to operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. FMCSA received a request for an extension to the comment period from the American Trucking Associations (ATA). The Agency believes it is appropriate to extend the comment period to provide interested parties additional time to submit their responses to the notice. Therefore, the Agency extends the deadline for the submission of comments from July 15, 2019, to August 14, 2019.

**DATES:** The comment period for the notice published May 15, 2019 at 84 FR 21895 is extended. Comments must be received on or before August 14, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket ID FMCSA–2018–0346 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=FMCSA-2018-0346>. 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 or Courier:* West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* (202) 493–2251.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the “Public Participation” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for instructions on submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Selden Fritschner, Commercial Drivers License Division, Federal Motor Carrier