

*Jose Gutierrez*

Jose Gutierrez, 39, holds a class C driver's license in Maryland.

*Francisco Kelly*

Francisco Kelly, 46, holds a class D driver's license in Virginia.

*Joseph Latino*

Joseph Latino, 24, holds a class E driver's license in Louisiana.

*Brian Levinson*

Brian Levinson, 56, holds a class E driver's license in Florida.

*Dre Lowes*

Dre Lowes, 26, holds a class C driver's license in Maryland.

*Vonseth Ngethsum*

Vonseth Ngethsum, 32, holds a class A commercial driver's license (CDL) in Florida.

*Henry Peralta*

Henry Peralta, 31, holds a class C driver's license in Texas.

*Naren Ramnauth*

Naren Ramnauth, 47, holds a class C driver's license in California.

*Karl Sabate*

Karl Sabate, 36, holds a class CM1 driver's license in California.

*Terrell Sumers*

Terrell Sumers, 36, holds a class E driver's license in Louisiana.

*Mark Thronson*

Mark Thronson, 34, holds a class C driver's license in California.

*Rodrigues Tilley*

Rodrigues Tilley, 35, holds a class D driver's license in Alabama.

*Gerald Wright*

Gerald Wright, 54, holds a class DA CDL in Kentucky.

**IV. Request for Comments**

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on the exemption petitions described in this notice. We will consider all comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated under the **DATES** section of the notice.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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

[Docket No. FMCSA-2023-0244]

**Hours of Service; Arbert Ibraimi; Application for Exemption**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application for exemption; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces that it has received an application from Arbert Ibraimi to be exempt from the requirement that drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) use an electronic logging device (ELD) to record their hours of service (HOS). The applicant requests to use paper logs instead of an ELD for 12 months and asserts that because he is a new business operating as an owner-operator he cannot afford an ELD. FMCSA requests public comment on the applicant's request for exemption.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 1, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Number FMCSA-2023-0244 by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). See the Public Participation and Request for Comments section below for further information.
- **Mail:** Dockets Operations, 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. E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- **Fax:** (202) 493-2251.

Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number (FMCSA-2023-0244) for this notice. Note that DOT posts all comments received without change to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information included in a comment. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) at any time on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure

someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366-9317 or (202) 366-9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

**Privacy Act:** In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its exemption process. DOT posts these comments, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL-14 FDMS, which can be reviewed under the "Department Wide System of Records Notices" link at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy-act-system-records-notices>. The comments are posted without edit and are searchable by the name of the submitter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Bernadette Walker, Driver and Carrier Operations Division; Office of Carrier, Driver and Vehicle Safety Standards, FMCSA; (202) 385-2415; [Bernadette.walker@dot.gov](mailto:Bernadette.walker@dot.gov). If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dockets Operations at (202) 366-9826.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Public Participation and Request for Comments**

FMCSA encourages you to participate by submitting comments and related materials.

*Submitting Comments*

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA-2021-0244), indicate the specific section of this document to which the comment applies, and provide a reason for suggestions or recommendations. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so the Agency can contact you if it has questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and put the docket number "FMCSA-2023-0244" in the keyword box, and click "Search." Next, sort the results by "Posted (Newer-Older)," choose the first notice listed, click the "Comment" button, and type your comment into the text box on the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for

copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

## II. Legal Basis

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b) 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.

The Agency reviews safety analyses and public comments submitted and determines whether granting the exemption would likely maintain a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by the current regulation (49 CFR 381.305(a)). The decision of the Agency must be published in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)). If granted, the notice will identify the regulatory provision from which the applicant will be exempt, the effective period, and all terms and conditions of the exemption (49 CFR 381.315(c)(1)). If the exemption is denied, the notice will explain the reason for the denial (49 CFR 381.315(c)(2)). The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

## III. Applicant's Request

Arbert Ibraimi requests a one-year exemption from the ELD requirements in 49 CFR 395.8(a)(1)(i). Under section 395.8(a)(1)(i) most drivers that operate CMVs in interstate commerce are required to use an ELD to record their HOS. The applicant asserts that he is running a new business operating a single CMV as an owner-operator and has limited funds to support the purchase of an ELD. The applicant states that he would use the funds saved from not implementing an ELD in the single CMV to monitor the safety of operations and to incorporate safety management controls into his operation.

A copy of Arbert Ibraimi's application for exemption is available for review in the docket for this notice.

## IV. Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on Arbert Ibraimi's application for an

exemption from the ELD requirement under 49 CFR 395.8(a). All comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated at the beginning of this notice will be considered and will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the Addresses section of this notice. Comments received after the comment closing date will be filed in the public docket and will be considered to the extent practicable. In addition to late comments, FMCSA will also continue to file, in the public docket, relevant information that becomes available after the comment closing date. Interested persons should continue to examine the public docket for new material.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

#### Solicitation of Applications for the Award of One Tanker Security Program Operating Agreement

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of application period for the Tanker Security Program (TSP).

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD) requests applications from eligible candidates for one TSP operating agreement. The Tanker Security Program is comprised of a fleet of active, commercially viable, militarily useful, and privately owned product tank vessels. The fleet provides for national defense and other security requirements and maintains a United States presence in international commercial shipping. This solicitation for applications provides, among other things, application criteria and a deadline for submitting applications for the enrollment of one vessel into the TSP.

**DATES:** Applications for enrollment must be received no later than April 30, 2024. Applications should be submitted to the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications may be submitted electronically to [sealiftsupport@dot.gov](mailto:sealiftsupport@dot.gov) or in hard copy to the Tanker Security Program, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Application forms are available

upon request or may be downloaded from MARAD's website at [www.maritime.dot.gov](http://www.maritime.dot.gov) under National Security/Strategic Sealift/Tanker Security Program.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Hatcher, Director, Office of Sealift Support, Maritime Administration, Telephone (202) 366-0688. For legal questions, call Joseph Click, Office of Chief Counsel, Division of Maritime Programs, Maritime Administration, (202) 366-5882.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 53402(a) of Title 46, United States Code, requires that the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary), in consultation with the Secretary of Defense (SecDef), establish a fleet of active, commercially viable, militarily useful, privately-owned product tank vessels to meet national defense and other security requirements. The TSP provides a stipend to tanker operators of U.S.-flagged vessels that meet certain qualifications. Payments to participating operators are limited to \$6 million per ship, per fiscal year and are subject to annual appropriations. Participating operators are required to make their commercial transportation resources available upon request of the SecDef during times of war or national emergency.

#### Application Criteria

Section 53403(b)(2)(A) of Title 46, United States Code, and MARAD's implementing regulation at 46 CFR 294.9, direct the Secretary in consultation with the SecDef to consider applicant vessel qualifications and give priority to applications based on the following criteria:

- (1) Vessel capabilities, as established by SecDef;
- (2) Applicant's record of vessel ownership and operation of tanker vessels; and
- (3) Applicant's citizenship, with preference for Section 50501 Citizens.

#### Vessel Requirements

Acceptable vessels for a TSP Operating Agreement must meet the requirements of 46 U.S.C. 53402(b) and 46 CFR 294.9. The Commander, USTRANSCOM, has provided vessel suitability standards for eligible TSP vessels for use during the application selection process. The following suitability standards, consistent with the requirements of 46 U.S.C. 53402(b)(5), will apply to vessel applications:

- Medium Range (MR) tankers between 30,000–60,000 deadweight tons, with fuel cargo capacity of 230,000 barrels or greater;