

aware, or otherwise determines, that the continued use of a module or entire type or subtype of module covered by this exemption is no longer likely to maintain a level of safety that is at least equivalent to the level that would be achieved absent this exemption.

Notification must be made by sending an email to FMCSA at MCPSD@dot.gov.

(iv). Recurring Reporting

Requirements. During the exemption period, the Applicant must provide quarterly submissions to FMCSA of the data described below. The Applicant's first quarterly submission is due on September 30, 2024, and thereafter will be due every 3 months, on the first business day of the month. The first quarterly submission must include the required data beginning 60 days prior to the date of module installation. All quarterly submissions must include data through at least the 14th day (inclusive) of the month immediately preceding the submission. Unless otherwise agreed to by FMCSA, quarterly submissions must be sent via email to FMCSA at MCPSD@dot.gov. If the Applicant does not have one or more categories of information described below, it must, within 20 days of the effective date of this exemption, discuss with FMCSA other available information. If the Agency accepts such alternative information, the Applicant must submit that data in lieu of the information specified below.

In the quarterly submission, the Applicant must provide FMCSA the following information known to the Applicant regarding all crashes and other incidents ("crash or incident") involving a CMV equipped with an Intellistop module covered by this exemption where the Intellistop module is potentially implicated. Crashes involving a CMV equipped with an Intellistop module that are "head-on" or otherwise involve only the front of the Intellistop-equipped CMV impacting some other object (such that the Intellistop module, without question, could not be implicated) are not subject to this condition. For the first quarterly submission, data must include any crash or incident occurring in the 60 days prior to installation of the Intellistop module that would have been contained in this reporting category had the module been installed at the time of the crash or incident. The Applicant's knowledge includes, but is not limited to: (1) outreach from a consumer, lawyer, or any other person or organization (via letter, email, fax, telephone call, social media, or any other medium); (2) lawsuits to which the Applicant is a party, or otherwise knows exist where an Intellistop module covered by this exemption is an

issue in the litigation; and (3) insurance claims against the Applicant related to use of the Intellistop module. When in the Applicant's possession, information provided to FMCSA shall include:

1. The date of first contact regarding, or the Applicant's first awareness of, the crash or incident;
 2. The date of the most recent follow-up contact, if any, between the Applicant and the other party;
 3. The date, time, and location of the crash or incident;
 4. A brief description of the crash or incident; and
 5. The Intellistop module type and/or subtype(s) involved in the crash or incident.
6. Information, if any, indicating that the Intellistop module is, or was, not working as intended, or caused confusion or a roadway hazard for either the consumer or other motorists.

Annual data. At the end of each 12-month period this exemption is in effect, the Applicant shall, within 60 days, submit a report detailing all information in its possession regarding crash rates and vehicle miles traveled by CMVs equipped with a module covered by this exemption. Additionally, the report shall specify the number and type of CMVs the Applicant is operating under the exemption, the module type or sub-type installed on each CMV, the affected lamps (rear clearance, identification, and/or brake lamps), the number of covered vehicles sold or transferred in ownership during the 12-month reporting period, and a statement certifying that any sold/transferred vehicle(s) have been restored to compliance with applicable FMVSSs and FMCSRs.

Meetings. The Applicant shall, at FMCSA's request, meet with FMCSA to answer questions regarding data and information provided by the Applicant under this exemption.

(v). Early Termination. The exemption is valid for 5 years from the date of issuance unless rescinded earlier by FMCSA. FMCSA will terminate the exemption if: (1) the Applicant fails to comply with the terms and conditions; (2) the exemption results 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(b).

(vi). Notification from the Public. Interested parties possessing information that would demonstrate that Higgins' CMVs equipped with Intellistop's pulsating rear-light module may not be achieving the requisite statutory level of safety should

immediately notify FMCSA. The Agency will evaluate any such information and, if safety is being compromised or if the continuation of the exemption is not consistent with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption.

(vii). Non-Endorsement. This limited and conditional exemption does not constitute an endorsement of the Intellistop product by FMCSA, NHTSA, the U.S. DOT, or any of their components, or by any of these agencies' employees or agents. As a condition of the continued effectiveness of this exemption, Intellistop is expressly prohibited from describing its product as approved by, endorsed by, or otherwise authorized by FMCSA, NHTSA, or U.S. DOT, or as compliant with Federal safety regulations.

VII. Preemption

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(d), as implemented by 49 CFR 381.600, during the period this exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation applicable to interstate commerce that conflicts with or is inconsistent with this exemption. States may, but are not required to, adopt the same exemption with respect to operations in intrastate commerce.

Vincent G. White,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2024-0023]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders

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

ACTION: Notice of denials.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to deny applications from 16 individuals who requested an exemption from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) prohibiting persons with a clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition that is likely to cause a loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) from operating CMVs in interstate commerce.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001, (202) 366–4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing material in the docket, contact Dockets Operations, (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

A. Comments

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B. Privacy Act

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(6), DOT solicits comments from the public on the exemption request. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov. As described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL 14 (Federal Docket Management System), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>, the comments are searchable by the name of the submitter.

II. Background

FMCSA received applications from 16 individuals who requested an exemption from the FMCSRs prohibiting persons with a clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition that is likely to cause a loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to operate a CMV from operating CMVs in interstate commerce.

FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and concluded that granting these exemptions would not provide a level of safety that would be equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety that would be obtained by complying with § 391.41(b)(8).

III. Basis for Exemption Determination

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), FMCSA may grant an exemption from the FMCSRs for no longer than a 5-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 5-year period. FMCSA grants medical exemptions from the FMCSRs for a 2-year period to align with the maximum duration of a driver’s medical certification. The Agency’s decision regarding these exemption applications is based on the eligibility criteria, the terms and conditions for Federal exemptions, and an individualized assessment of each applicant’s medical information provided by the applicant.

IV. Conclusion

The Agency has determined that these applicants do not satisfy the eligibility criteria or meet the terms and conditions of the Federal exemption and granting these exemptions would not provide a level of safety that would be equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety that would be obtained by complying with § 391.41(b)(8). Therefore, the 16 applicants in this notice have been denied exemptions from the physical qualification standards in § 391.41(b)(8).

Each applicant has, prior to this notice, received a letter of final disposition regarding his/her exemption request. Those decision letters fully outlined the basis for the denial and constitute final action by the Agency. This notice summarizes the Agency’s recent denials as required under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(4) by periodically publishing names and reasons for denial.

The following 16 applicants do not meet the minimum time requirement for being seizure-free, either on or off anti-seizure medication:

Ethan Abbott (PA)
John Chacon (WA)
James Crawford (NC)
Kevin Frackman (PA)
Kevin Fredericks (WI)
Ricky Green (VA)
Carl Hardy (NC)
Carson Herndon (NC)
Johnny Hollins (TN)
Jonathan Johnson (WA)
Marijan Micakovic (MI)
Christopher Robinson (NC)
David Saldana (GA)
Jacob Utphall (WI)
Jeremy Williams (MS)

Stetson Williamson (TX)

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2022–0241]

Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Application for an Exemption from DJS Fundraising, Inc., USDOT #681063

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

ACTION: Notice of final disposition; grant of exemption.

SUMMARY: The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announces its decision to grant an application from DJS Fundraising, Inc. (DJS, USDOT #612506) for an exemption to allow it to operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) equipped with a module manufactured by Intellistop, Inc. (Intellistop). The Intellistop module is designed to pulse the required rear clearance, identification, and brake lamps from a lower-level lighting intensity to a higher-level lighting intensity 4 times in 2 seconds when the brakes are applied and then return the lights to a steady-burning state while the brakes remain engaged. The Agency has determined that granting the exemption to DJS would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety achieved by the regulation.

DATES: This exemption is effective June 28, 2024 and ending June 28, 2029.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Sutula, Vehicle and Roadside Operations Division, Office of Carrier, Driver, and Vehicle Safety, MC–PSV, (202) 366–9209, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001; MCPSV@dot.gov.

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