

Because the guidance made reference to one vendor, License Monitor, it was not considered helpful by some in the industry for motor carriers using systems other than the one operated by License Monitor. The American Trucking Associations raised the issue with FMCSA and the Agency agrees that the guidance should be revised to provide generic guidance rather than vendor-specific guidance. In addition, since 2003, several SDLAs have implemented ENS systems that provide the driver record information to employers.

#### FMCSA's Decision

In consideration of the above, FMCSA has determined that the current regulatory guidance should be revised to make clear that any State-operated ENS may be used to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 391.25, even if the information is accumulated by a third party. The FMCSA revises Question 4 to 49 CFR 391.25 to read as follows:

#### Qualification of Drivers, Annual Inquiry and Review of Driving Record; Regulatory Guidance for 49 CFR 391.25

Question 4: Does the use of an employer notification system that provides motor carriers with a department of motor vehicle report for every State in which the driver held either an operator's license, a commercial driver's license (CDL), or permit when a driver is enrolled in the system and provides information about license status, crashes and convictions of laws or regulations governing the operation of motor vehicles on the driving record satisfy the requirement for an annual review of each driver's record?

Guidance: Yes. Since motor carriers would be provided with a department of motor vehicle report for every State in which the driver held a commercial motor vehicle operator's license or permit when a driver is enrolled in the system and the State licensing agency includes information about crashes and convictions of laws or regulations governing the operation of motor vehicles on the driving record, the requirements of § 391.25(a) would be satisfied. Generally, the requirements of § 391.25(b) and (c) would be satisfied if the employer notification system records the identity of the motor carrier's representative who conducted the review when the carrier's representative reviews the information on the driving record.

The use of an employer notification system would meet the requirements if either the motor carrier automatically receives updates from the State (push-

system) or can regularly access the system to check for updates (pull-system), as long as the check occurs at least once per year. In addition, receipt of these reports meets the requirement for the annual check even if it is provided to the motor carrier by a third-party.

With regard to the requirement that the response from each State agency, and a note identifying the person who performed the review, may be maintained in the driver's qualification files, motor carriers may satisfy the recordkeeping requirement by using computerized records in accordance with FMCSA's Regulatory Guidance Concerning Electronic Documents and Signatures, 75 FR 411, January 4, 2011. Therefore, motor carriers using an automated employer notification computer system would not be required to maintain paper copies of the driving records, or a note identifying the person who performed the review, in each individual driver qualification file provided documentation consistent with FMCSA's January 4, 2011, guidance can be produced upon demand of a Federal or State enforcement official.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) during the Week Ending January 10, 2015

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 302.201 *et seq.*). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

*Docket Number:* DOT-OST-2015-0003.

*Date Filed:* January 8, 2015.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope:* January 29, 2015.

*Description:* Application of Air Caledonie International S.A. (Aircalin), requesting a foreign air carrier permit and exemption authorizing it to provide scheduled and charter foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail from any point or points behind New Caledonia, via any point or points in New Caledonia and any intermediate points, to any point or points in the United States.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-1998-4334; FMCSA-2000-7006; FMCSA-2000-8398; FMCSA-2005-20027]

#### 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 the exemptions from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 4 individuals. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement 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 commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

**DATES:** This decision is effective April 5, 2015. Comments must be received on or before April 13, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) numbers: Docket No. [Docket No. FMCSA-1998-4334; FMCSA-2000-7006; FMCSA-2000-8398; FMCSA-2005-20027], using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.