Federal, State, or local enforcement official.

VI. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the 57 exemption applications, FMCSA exempts the following drivers from the diabetes requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), subject to the requirements cited above 49 CFR 391.64(b):

David J. Ahlers (MN)
George M. Antonopoulos (MA)
Louis G. Babich (NJ)
Scott R. Bailey (MA)
Michael J. Beaver (MN)
Jason C. Bradley (NY)
Joel P. Brown (PA)
Larry D. Brown (LA)
Garrett L. Carter (MO)
Christopher D. Chapman (IA)
Robert J. Chapman (OH)
Steven A. Crain (LA)
Phillip Daquilla III (IL)
Robert N. Drake (TX)
Kirk A. Erickson (MN)
Raymond E. Fisher, Jr. (PA)
Richard M. Frostig (CT)
Lawrence M. Gates (NY)
Alva E. Gladney (LA)
John J. Gonzalez (CT)
James M. Haight (NC)
Bradley T. Hall (AL)
William C. Higgins (NC)
David R. Hoit (MI)
James Holman (PA)
Kevin R. Holz (MN)
Jaemin Hwang (NY)
Willis A. Jergenson (IA)
Steven C. Jordan, Jr. (MD)
Craig S. Kozlowski (NY)
Alan D. Kozy (FL)
Duane A. Leazott (MN)
Mark D. Lema (CA)
Robert A. Lewis (PA)
David A. Luchansky (PA)
Jacob T. Marsee (OH)
Richard E. Mellors (NY)
Ronald L. Mills (VA)
Colton J. Nefzer (ND)
Dorian T. Papazikos (AL)
Kurt A. Payne (CA)
Carson A. Penny (CA)
Wayne F. Pohlmeier (NE)
Santos R. Rodriguez, Jr. (NE)
David E. Roth (MN)
Kenneth R. Schleppy (PA)
John J. Shedlock (PA)
Jonathan W. Simonou (NH)
Kenneth R. Stephenson (TX)
Jeffrey S. Toler (IN)
Herbert L. Turner (NY)
Louis D. Valente (MA)
Robert L. Westergaard (NJ)
Mark A. Williams (IN)
Douglas J. Wood (KY)
Robert A. Yerges (WI)
Kyle S. Yount (KY)

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 each exemption is valid for two years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if the following occurs: (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. If the exemption is still effective at the end of the 2-year period, the person may apply to FMCSA for a renewal under procedures in effect at that time.

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Larry W. Minor,
Associate Administrator for Policy.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
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QUALIFICATION OF DRIVERS; EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS; DIABETES MELLITUS

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

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA confirms its decision to exempt 70 individuals from its rule prohibiting persons with insulin-treated diabetes mellitus (ITDM) from operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. The exemptions enable these individuals to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

DATES: The exemptions were effective July 22, 2016. The exemptions expire on July 22, 2018.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Electronic Access

You may see all the comments online through the Federal Document Management System (FDMS) at: http://www.regulations.gov. Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to http://www.regulations.gov and/or Room W12–140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Privacy Act: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. 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 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.dot.gov/privacy.
applicants report no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness or seizure, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning symptoms, in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the past 5 years. In each case, an endocrinologist verified that the driver has demonstrated a willingness to properly monitor and manage his/her diabetes mellitus, received education related to diabetes management, and is on a stable insulin regimen. These drivers report no other disqualifying conditions, including diabetes-related complications. Each meets the vision requirement at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10).

The qualifications and medical condition of each applicant were stated and discussed in detail in the June 22, 2016, Federal Register notice and they will not be repeated in this notice.

III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received 4 comments in this proceeding. Two anonymous commenters are in favor of granting the exemptions to all drivers listed in the notice. Deb Carlson stated that the state of Minnesota is in favor of granting the exemptions to Samuel B. Morris and Lloyd E. Schrunk, both of whom are drivers licensed in Minnesota. Ryan Root stated he is in favor of granting Zachary J.F. Kinsey an exemption. Mr. Root has been Mr. Kinsey’s supervisor since 2013 and believes Mr. Kinsey properly manages his condition.

IV. Basis for Exemption Determination

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption from the diabetes requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3) if the exemption is likely to achieve an equivalent or greater level of safety than would be achieved without the exemption. The exemption allows the applicants to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

To evaluate the effect of these exemptions on safety, FMCSA considered medical reports about the applicants’ ITDM and vision, and reviewed the treating endocrinologists’ medical opinion related to the ability of the driver to safely operate a CMV while using insulin.

Consequently, FMCSA finds that in each case exempting these applicants from the diabetes requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3) is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

V. Conditions and Requirements

The terms and conditions of the exemption will be provided to the applicants in the exemption document and they include the following: (1) That each individual submit a quarterly monitoring checklist completed by the treating endocrinologist as well as an annual checklist with a comprehensive medical evaluation; (2) that each individual reports within 2 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) that each individual provide a copy of the ophthalmologist’s or optometrist’s report to the medical examiner at the time of the annual medical examination; and (4) that each individual 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 certification when driving, for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official.

VI. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the 70 exemption applications, FMCSA exempts the following drivers from the diabetes requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), subject to the requirements cited above 49 CFR 391.64(b):

Michael J. Andries (WI)
Appiah T. Ankrah (M)
Gregory P. Austin (CA)
David F. Banko (CO)
John T. Bardin (NY)
Joseph Berta IV (OK)
Robert G. Canelo (NM)
Christoph A. Chiappa (NJ)
Johnny L. Cloy Sr. (TN)
Jon W. Collett (OH)
Joel A. Cote (ME)
Donald E. Cowell (CA)
Raymond J. Crosbie (NH)
Elmer W. Danley (PA)
Kenneth Dennis Jr. (KY)
Robert D. Diefenbaugh (NE)
Ronald A. Fancelli (OH)
Eduard Fontes (IA)
William J. Gangloff (NY)
Spencer J. Gruba (ND)
Phillip K. Guidice (WA)
Darin K. Hansen (IA)
James A. Hanson (OH)
William M. Haralson (TN)
Alejandro R. Hernandez (FL)
Stephen R. Hill (PA)
James A. Hutson (NY)
Jon W. Jernigan (OK)
Denise D. Johnston (IA)
Mark A. Johnston (PA)
Zachary J.F. Kinsey (CA)
Steven J. Korb (OH)
Jongsun Lee (PA)
Ramon Lopez (TX)
David C. Love (IL)
Cody J. Maksuski (WI)
John T. McEntire III (SC)
Billy J. McNealy (MI)
Carlos Medellin (TX)
Harry E. Miller (PA)
Christopher K. Moore (AZ)
Samuel B. Morris (MN)
Bryan C. Mullins (TX)
Zachary Nechi (IL)
Toriano T. Neely (AL)
Orlando Padilla (TX)
Michael P. Pattie (RI)
Tony L. Pennywell (FL)
Brian K. Porter (KY)
Oscar L. Quezada (CA)
Kenneth G. Reesman (PA)
Walter D. Richardson (MA)
Karla Robles (FL)
Tracy A. Rowland (WA)
Michael J. Russell (MA)
Jeffrey M. Sandler (CA)
Paul A. Schaus (IL)
Lloyd E. Schrunk (MN)
Evan C. Sebastian (TX)
Nyanate F. Senyon (NJ)
Burton D. Shellabarger (IA)
John M. Sutters (OH)
John R. Tupper (ID)
Thomas W. Upton (NY)
James M. Walsh (WI)
Billy J. Webb, Jr. (MS)
Steven R. Williams (MO)
James A. Yates (IA)

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