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The drivers were included in one of the following dockets: Docket No. FMCSA-2002-11714. Their exemptions are effective as of May 30, 2016 and will expire on May 30, 2018.

Each of the 131 applicants listed in the groups above has requested renewal of the exemption and has submitted evidence showing that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the requirement specified at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) and that the vision impairment is stable. In addition, a review of each record of safety while driving with the respective vision deficiencies over the past two years indicates each applicant continues to meet the vision exemption requirements.

These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver's ability to continue to drive safely in interstate commerce. Therefore, FMCSA concludes that extending the exemption for each renewal applicant for a period of two years is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

Request for Comments

FMCSA will review comments received at any time concerning a particular driver's safety record and determine if the continuation of the exemption is consistent with the requirements at 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315. However, FMCSA requests that interested parties with specific data concerning the safety records of these drivers submit comments by January 17, 2017.

FMCSA believes that the requirements for a renewal of an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 can be satisfied by initially granting the renewal and then requesting and evaluating, if needed, subsequent comments submitted by interested parties. As indicated above, the Agency previously published notices of final disposition announcing its decision to exempt these 131 individuals from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). The final decision to grant an exemption to each of these individuals was made on the merits of each case and made only after careful consideration of the comments received to its notices of applications. The notices of applications stated in detail the qualifications, experience, and medical condition of each applicant for an exemption from the vision

requirements. That information is available by consulting the above cited **Federal Register** publications.

Interested parties or organizations possessing information that would otherwise show that any, or all, of these drivers are not currently achieving the statutory level of safety should immediately notify FMCSA. The Agency will evaluate any adverse evidence submitted and, if safety is being compromised or if continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption of a driver.

Submitting Comments

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To submit your comment online, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and in the search box insert the docket numbers FMCSA-1999-6480; FMCSA-2001-11426; FMCSA-2002-11714; FMCSA-2002-12844; FMCSA-2003-16564; FMCSA-2004-19477; FMCSA-2005-21711; FMCSA-2005-22727; FMCSA-2005-23099; FMCSA-2006-23773; FMCSA-2006-24015; FMCSA-2008-0021; FMCSA-2009-0011; FMCSA-2009-0303; FMCSA-2009-0321; FMCSA-2010-0050; FMCSA-2011-0142; FMCSA-2011-0299; FMCSA-2011-0366; FMCSA-2011-0379; FMCSA-2011-0380; FMCSA-2012-0039; FMCSA-2013-0174; FMCSA-2014-0002; FMCSA-2014-0003; FMCSA-2014-0004 and click the search button. When the new screen appears, click on the blue "Comment Now!" button on the right hand side of the page. On the new page, enter information required including the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. 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.

We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. FMCSA may issue a final rule at

any time after the close of the comment period.

Viewing Comments and Documents

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Issued on: December 2, 2016.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2006-24210; FMCSA-2010-0162; FMCSA-2012-0162; FMCSA-2012-0163; FMCSA-2014-0018]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Diabetes

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 of 125 individuals from its rule prohibiting persons with insulin-treated diabetes mellitus (ITDM) from operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from this rule 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 CMV drivers.

DATES: Each group of renewed exemptions are effective from the dates

stated in the discussions below. Comments must be received on or before January 17, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) numbers: Docket No. FMCSA–2006–24210; FMCSA–2010–0162; FMCSA–2012–0162; FMCSA–2012–0163; FMCSA–2014–0018, using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line 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., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

- *Fax:* 1–202–493–2251.

Instructions: Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number for this notice. Note that DOT posts all comments received without change to <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 <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time 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. The Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. If you want acknowledgment that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments on-line.

Privacy Act: Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's Privacy Act Statement for the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) published in the **Federal Register** on January 17, 2008, (73 FR 3316).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, 202–366–4001,

fmcsamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W64–113, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may renew an exemption from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations 2-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 2-year period. The 125 individuals listed in this notice have recently become eligible for a renewed exemption from the diabetes prohibition in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce. The drivers remain in good standing with the Agency, have maintained their required medical monitoring and have not exhibited any medical issues that would compromise their ability to safely operate a CMV during the previous 2-year exemption period.

Exemption Decision

This notice addresses 125 individuals who have requested renewal of their exemptions in accordance with FMCSA procedures. These 125 drivers remain in good standing with the Agency, have maintained their required medical monitoring and have not exhibited any medical issues that would compromise their ability to safely operate a CMV during the previous 2-year exemption period. Therefore, FMCSA has decided to extend each exemption for a renewable two-year period. Each individual is identified according to the renewal date.

The exemptions are renewed subject to the following conditions: (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 submit an annual ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report; 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.

Basis for Renewing Exemptions

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1), an exemption may be granted for no longer than two years from its approval date and may be renewed upon application for additional two year periods. The following groups of drivers received renewed exemptions in the month of August and are discussed below.

As of August 6, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 10 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce. (77 FR 36333; 77 FR 46791):

Bruce R. Bennett (MN)
Stephen W. Best (PA)
Steven D. Hancock (IN)
Michael A. Hendrickson (OR)
James B. Hills (KS)
Charles Keegan, Jr. (NJ)
Londell W. Luther (MD)
Darrell L. Meadows (TX)
Allyn E. Smith (SD)
Jason R. Zeorian (NE)

The drivers were included in Docket No. FMCSA–2012–0162. Their exemptions are effective as of August 6, 2016 and will expire on August 6, 2018.

As of August 8, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 26 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce. (71 FR 32177; 71 FR 45097):

Scott R. Anderson (WI)
Robert R. Chase (NE)
Todd A. Dean (WV)
Dale R. Gansz (IL)
Donald W. Havour, Sr. (CT)
Jeffrey M. King (OR)
Milton A. Klise (OH)
Jeffrey S. Knight (WA)
Edward V. Kruse (IA)
Lee P. Lembke (WI)
Dominick T. Mastroni (KS)
Ronald S. Mavilla (PA)
Derril W. Nunnally (GA)
Robert L. Pfugler, Jr. (PA)
Ronald B. Purdum (IL)
Wilbert C. Rasely, Jr. (PA)
Ron R. Rawson (AZ)
Duance C. Rieger (ND)
Gregory A. Rigg (MI)

Vernon L. Small (CO)
Walter D. Stowman (NJ)
Antonino S. Vita (NY)
Henry B. Walker-Waltz (OR)
Arthur C. Webber (PA)
Scott A. Wertz (ND)
Danny R. Wood (MO)

The drivers were included in Docket No. FMCSA–2006–24210. Their exemptions are effective as of August 8, 2016, and will expire on August 8, 2018.

As of August 17, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 9 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce. (75 FR 36775; 75 FR 50797):

Gary L. Alexander (MO)
Daniel E. Bergstresser (NY)
Stephen F. Clendenin (NY)
Donald P. Dean (MI)
Pradip B. Desai (PA)
Howard M. Galton (IL)
Steve Gumienny (CA)
Brian M. Katayama (CA)
Hubert S. Paxton (KY)

The drivers were included in Docket No. FMCSA–2010–0162. Their exemptions are effective as of August 17, 2016, and will expire on August 17, 2018.

As of August 19, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 67 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce. (79 FR 41723; 79 FR 56105):

Charles Ackerman Jr. (NJ)
William J. Applebee (WI)
Benjamin L. Baxter (MI)
Stephen M. Berggren (MN)
Robert A. Boyle (ID)
Patrick J. Burns (MN)
Robert L. Caudill (OH)
Charles R. Cran (WI)
John W. Crook Jr. (IA)
Kevin W. Elder (NC)
Michael J. Eldridge, Sr. (IA)
Johnathon C. Ely (IN)
Kevin D. Erickson (WI)
Joby E. Foshee, IV (MS)
Lawrence H. Fox (NH)
Troy C. Frank (NE)
Robert T. Frankfurter (CO)
Dale A. Godejohn (ND)
Robert R. Gonzales (CA)
Norman D. Groves (MO)
Kenneth F. Gwaltney (IN)
Mathew R. Hale (KS)
Donald K. Hamilton (FL)
John L. Holtzclaw (MO)
Christopher H. Horn (NH)
Jared E. Hubbard (TX)
Roger C. Hulce (VT)

Kip J. Kauffman (WI)
Christopher J. Kittoe (WI)
Joshua L. Kroetch (MN)
Wesley S. Langham (IL)
Andrew K. Lofton (AL)
Salvador Lopez (AZ)
Joseph M. Macias (NM)
Robert J. Marino (NJ)
David J. McCoy (UT)
William E. Medlin (MN)
Anthony J. Miller (MN)
Carlos A. Napoles, Jr. (NJ)
Kathryn J. Nelms (KS)
Antonio C. Oliveira (PA)
Christopher P. Overton (IL)
Ronald E. Patrick (IN)
Stephen J. Pelton (PA)
Bryant S. Perry (NC)
Kenneth R. Perschon (IL)
Joseph R. Polhamus (LA)
Brian K. Rajkovich (CA)
Joseph E. Resetar (NJ)
Rodney B. Roberts (MS)
Arlan M. Roesler (WI)
Mark J. Rone (IL)
Barry J. Sanderson (MT)
John J. Steigauf (MN)
Berton W. Stroup (PA)
Ronnie P. Thomas (TN)
William L. Thompson (MN)
Juan A. Villanueva (TX)
Robert D. Watts (TX)
Cindy L. Wells (NY)
Charles W. White (IN)
Herman D. Whitehurst (AR)
Michael G. Worl (MT)
Tommy W. Wornick (TX)
Robert T. Yeftich (IN)
Alan C. Yeomans (CT)
Chad C. Yerkey (PA)

The drivers were included in Docket No. FMCSA–2014–0018. Their exemptions are effective as of August 19, 2016, and will expire on August 19, 2018.

As of August 27, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 13 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce. (77 FR 40941; 77 FR 51845):

Randall W. Amtower (WV)
Steven Brickey (CO)
Ronald K. Coleman (KY)
Randall L. Corrick (ND)
Raymond G. Gravesandy (NY)
John T. Green (TX)
Gregory M. Harris (TX)
Kelly M. Keller (ND)
Joseph L. Miska (MN)
Susan L. Mosel (WI)
Jacob D. Oxford (ID)
Robert D. Regavich (NJ)
Ramon I. Zamora-Ortiz (WA)

The drivers were included in Docket No. FMCSA–2012–0163. Their

exemptions are effective as of August 27, 2016, and will expire on August 27, 2018.

Each of the 125 drivers in the aforementioned groups qualifies for a renewal of the exemption. They have maintained their required medical monitoring and have not exhibited any medical issues that would compromise their ability to safely operate a CMV during the previous 2-year exemption period.

These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver's ability to continue to drive safely in interstate commerce. Therefore, FMCSA concludes that extending the exemption for each of the 125 drivers for a period of two years is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption. The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA–2006–24210; FMCSA–2010–0162; FMCSA–2012–0162; FMCSA–2012–0163; FMCSA–2014–0018.

Request for Comments

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FMCSA believes that the requirements for a renewal of an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 can be satisfied by initially granting the renewal and then requesting and evaluating, if needed, subsequent comments submitted by interested parties. As indicated above, the Agency previously published notices of final disposition announcing its decision to exempt these 125 individuals from rule prohibiting persons with ITDM from operating CMVs in interstate commerce in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3). The final decision to grant an exemption to each of these individuals was made on the merits of each case and made only after careful consideration of the comments received to its notices of applications. The notices of applications stated in detail the medical condition of each applicant for an exemption from rule prohibiting persons with ITDM from operating CMVs in interstate commerce. That information is available by consulting the above cited **Federal Register** publications.

Interested parties or organizations possessing information that would otherwise show that any, or all, of these

drivers are not currently achieving the statutory level of safety should immediately notify FMCSA. The Agency will evaluate any adverse evidence submitted and, if safety is being compromised or if continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption of a driver.

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We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. FMCSA may issue a final determination at any time after the close of the comment period.

Viewing Comments and Documents

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Issued on: December 2, 2016.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2016-0117]

Notice of Application for Approval of Discontinuance or Modification of a Railroad Signal System

In accordance with part 235 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and 49 U.S.C. 20502(a), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated November 28, 2016, CSX Transportation (CSX) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) seeking approval for the discontinuance or modification of a signal system. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2016-0117.

Applicant: CSX Transportation, Mr. Jody Cox, Chief Engineer, Communications & Signals, 500 Water Street, Speed Code J-350, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

CSX seeks approval of the discontinuance of the signal system between Milepost (MP) DC32.7 end of track (EOT), and MP DC37.1, Madison Street, on the Altenheim Subdivision, Chicago Division, Chicago, IL.

Presently, CSX current of traffic (COT) 509 Rules and yard limit-signaled (YL-S) 508 Rules are in effect between Madison Street MP-DC37.1 and EOT near MP-DC-30.0 on all tracks. It is proposed to retire COT 509 and YL-S 508 Rules on all tracks and operate under Main Track Yard Limits YL 507 Rules.

The reason given for the proposed discontinuance is that the signal system, COT 509 Rules, and YL-S 508 Rules are no longer needed for present day operation.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U. S. Department of Transportation's Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in

connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Operations Facility, US Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.
- *Hand Delivery:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by January 30, 2017 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its processes. 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. See also <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of www.regulations.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC.

Robert C. Lauby,

Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety, Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD 2016-0122]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel OTRIDER; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.