and discussed in detail in the December 29, 2016, Federal Register notice and they will not be repeated in this notice.

III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

IV. Basis for Exemption Determination

Under 49 U.S.C. 31316(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 41 exemption applications, FMCSA exempts the following drivers from the diabetes requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3), subject to the requirements cited above 49 CFR 391.64(b):

- Donald Austin (GA)
- Estil L. Baker, Jr. (IL)
- Thomas M. Bard (IL)
- Mark W. Birch (TX)
- Richard Bollhardt (NJ)
- Bryan R. Breaw (MN)
- Trini L. Brisson (MI)
- Keith M. Carpenter (PA)
- Alan W. Carstensen (MN)
- Russell L. Clapp (ME)
- Allan J. Clune (NJ)
- Ryan F. Curtis (NJ)
- Jeffrey S. Daniels (IA)
- Andrew M.M. Danner (VA)
- George P. Diedrich, Jr. (NJ)
- Wilson E. Donnell (ME)
- Michael W. Erick (CT)
- Eric Fedor (PA)
- Juanita C. Gaines (TX)
- Buckley E. Grant (KS)
- Connor J. Grossaint (UT)
- Brian A. Hagenhoff (MO)
- Jeffrey D.S. Hosman (AR)
- Terry P. Kelly (KY)
- David M. Kerr (PA)
- Michael P. Kruimer (NJ)
- Salvatore Longo (IL)
- Alan Mills (OR)
- John R. Paulus (WI)
- Bruce D. Peterson (WI)
- Nicholas J. Powden (VT)
- Dennis A. Roisum (WI)
- Jeffrey P. Roskopf (WI)
- David M. Ryea (CT)
- Edward G. Smith, Jr. (ND)
- Ralph H. Talmadge (NJ)
- Jerry R. Thomas (GA)
- Melvin E. Turner (TN)
- Lash L. Walker (TN)
- Donald E. Walstrom (IA)
- Ronald A. Williams (OR)

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31316(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. 31316(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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