DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE–2017–40]

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petition for exemption received.

SUMMARY: This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public’s awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of the FAA’s regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before July 3, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by docket number FAA–2017–0571 using any of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

• Mail: Send comments to Docket Operations, M–30; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12–140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

• Hand Delivery or Courier: Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

• Fax: Fax comments to Docket Operations at 202–493–2251.

• Privacy: 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 http://www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at http://www.dot.gov/privacy.

Docket: Background documents or comments received may be read at http://www.regulations.gov at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to the Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynette Mitterer, ANM–113, Federal Aviation Administration, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98057–3356, email Lynette.Mitterer@faa.gov, phone (425) 227–1047; or Alphonso Pendergrass, ARM–200, Office of Rulemaking, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591, email alphonso.pendergrass@faa.gov, phone (202) 267–4713.

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Issued in Renton, Washington, on June 5, 2017.

Victor Wicklund,
Manager, Transport Standards Staff.

Petition for Exemption


Petitioner: Textron Aviation Inc.

Section of 14 CFR Affected: § 25.815.

Description of Relief Sought: Allow the 20-inch minimum passenger aisle width to be reduced to 15 inches for cabin configurations with up to 12 passenger seats for Textron Aviation Model 700 airplanes.

Issued on: May 4, 2017.

Kevin Ward,
Division Administrator, Jefferson City, Missouri.
accompanied by a commercial driver’s license (CDL) holder with the proper CDL class and endorsements, seated in the front seat of the vehicle while the CLP holder operates it on public roads or highways. The exemption renewal allows CLP holders who have passed the skills test but not yet received the CDL document to drive a C.R. England commercial motor vehicle (CMV) accompanied by a CDL holder who is not necessarily in the passenger seat, provided the driver has documentation of passing the skills test. C.R. England currently holds an exemption for the period June 11, 2015 through June 12, 2017. FMCSA requests public comment on the renewal of C.R. England’s exemption.

DATES: This exemption renewal is effective June 13, 2017, through June 12, 2022. Comments must be received on or before July 12, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket ID FMCSA–2014–0406 using any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to www.regulations.gov. See the Public Participation and Request for Comments section below for further information.
- Hand Delivery or Courier: West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number for this notice. Note that DOT posts all comments received without change to 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 www.regulations.gov at any time or visit 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., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The on-line FDMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information concerning this notice, contact Mr. Tom Yager, Chief, FMCSA Driver and Carrier Operations Division; Office of Carrier, Driver and Vehicle Safety Standards, Telephone: 614–942–6477. Email: MCPSD@dot.gov. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Services, telephone (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation and Request for Comments

FMCSA encourages you to participate by submitting comments and related materials.

Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA–2014–0406), indicate the specific section of this document to which the comment applies, and provide a reason for suggestions or recommendations. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so the Agency can contact you if it has questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comments online, go to www.regulations.gov and put the docket number, “FMCSA–2014–0406” in the “Keyword” box, and click “Search.” When the new screen appears, click on “Comment Now!” button and type your comment into the text box in the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit. 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.

II. Legal Basis

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 to grant exemptions from certain parts of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption in the Federal Register (49 CFR 381.300(b)). The Agency must also provide an opportunity for public comment. The Agency reviews safety analyses and public comments submitted, and determines whether renewal of the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by the current regulation (49 CFR 381.305). The decision of the Agency must be published in the Federal Register (49 CFR 381.315(b)) with the reasons for denying or granting the application and, if granted, the name of the person or class of persons receiving the exemption, and the regulatory provision from which the exemption is granted. The notice must also specify the effective period and explain the terms and conditions of the exemption. The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

III. Request for Exemption Renewal

C.R. England’s initial exemption application from the provisions of 49 CFR 383.25(a)(1) was submitted in 2014; a copy is in the docket identified at the beginning of this notice. The 2014 application described fully the nature of the C.R. England operations and CMV drivers. The exemption was originally granted on June 11, 2015 (80 FR 33329). C. R. England now requests a renewal of the exemption.

The current exemption excuses C.R. England from the requirement that a driver accompanying a CLP holder must be physically present at all times in the front seat of a CMV, on the condition that the CLP holder has successfully passed an approved CDL skills test. C.R. England’s 2014 application argued that the existing requirement is inefficient and unproductive, as the company must incur added expense to send the driver to his or her home State to collect a CDL document. Under that rule, the driver is not only unable to utilize newly acquired driving skills, but must also forego compensation before obtaining a CDL. C.R. England believes that FMCSA should renew the exemption for an additional 5-year period because it results in safer drivers. It allows C.R. England to foster a more productive and efficient training environment by allowing CLP holders to hone their recently acquired driving skills through on-the-job training and to begin earning an income right away, producing immediate benefits for the driver, the carrier, and the economy as a whole.
IV. Method To Ensure an Equivalent or Greater Level of Safety

C.R. England states that the exemption does not negatively affect safety outcomes. Instead, it allows drivers trained out-of-state to obtain on-the-job experience in C.R. England’s comprehensive training program while avoiding significant delays and skill degradation. The exemption creates immediate economic and safety benefits for both the CLP holders and C.R. England—the driver earns an income as part of a team operation while improving driver skills and gaining valuable experience.

C.R. England indicated in its renewal application that 3,046 drivers had utilized the original exemption. Its safety data show that drivers using the exemption demonstrated better safety outcomes than non-exempt drivers. Through the end of 2016, C.R. England reported 11 accidents to FMCSA involving drivers utilizing the exemption, none of which resulted in a fatality. The renewal of the exemption would be effective for 5 years, the maximum period allowed by § 381.300.

V. Terms and Conditions of the Exemption

Period of the Exemption

This exemption from the requirements of 49 CFR 383.25(a)(1) is effective during the period of June 13, 2017, through June 12, 2022.

Extent of the Exemption

The exemption is contingent upon C.R. England maintaining USDOT registration, minimum levels of public liability insurance, and not being subject to any “imminent hazard” or other out-of-service (OOS) order issued by FMCSA. Each driver covered by the exemption must maintain a valid driver’s license and CLP with the required endorsements, document that he or she has passed the CDL skills test, not be subject to any OOS order or suspension of driving privileges, and meet all physical qualifications required by 49 CFR part 391.

Preemption

During the period this exemption is in effect, no State may enforce any law or regulation that conflicts with or is inconsistent with the exemption with respect to a person or entity operating under the exemption (49 U.S.C. 31315(d)).

FMCSA Accident Notification

C.R. England must notify FMCSA within 5 business days of any accidents (as defined by 49 CFR 390.5) involving the operation of any of its CMVs while utilizing this exemption. The notification must be by email to MCPSD@DOT.GOV, and include the following information:

1. Name of the Exemption: “C.R. England CLP”
2. Date of the accident
3. City or town, and State, in which the accident occurred, or which is closest to the scene of the accident
4. Driver’s name and driver’s license number
5. Vehicle number and State license number
6. Number of individuals suffering physical injury
7. Number of fatalities
8. The police-reported cause of the accident
9. Whether the driver was cited for violation of any traffic laws, or motor carrier safety regulations
10. The total driving time and the total on-duty time of the CMV driver at the time of the accident

VI. Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b)(4), FMCSA requests public comment on the renewal of C.R. England’s exemption from the provisions in 49 CFR 383.25(a)(1). The Agency will consider all comments received by close of business on July 12, 2017. Comments will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

VII. Safety Oversight

FMCSA expects C.R. England, operating under the terms and conditions of this exemption, to maintain its safety record. However, should safety deteriorate, FMCSA will, consistent with the statutory requirements of 49 U.S.C. 31315, take all steps necessary to protect the public interest. Authorization of the exemption is discretionary, and FMCSA will immediately revoke the exemption for failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption.

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Randi F. Hutchinson,
Chief Counsel.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Internal Revenue Service
Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Notices and Correspondence Project Committee

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Notices and Correspondence Project Committee will be conducted. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, July 13, 2017.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that a meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Notices and Correspondence Project Committee will be held Thursday, July 13, 2017, at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time via teleconference. The public is invited to make oral comments or submit written statements for consideration. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate must be made with Otis Simpson. For more information please contact Otis Simpson at 1–888–912–1227 or 202–317–3332, or write TAP Office, 1111 Constitution Ave. NW., Room 1509, Washington, DC 20224 or contact us at the Web site: http://www.improveirs.org. The agenda will include various IRS issues. Otis Simpson. For more information please contact Otis Simpson at 1–888–912–1227 or 202–317–3332, or write TAP Office, 1111 Constitution Ave. NW., Room 1509, Washington, DC 20224 or contact us at the Web site: http://www.improveirs.org. The agenda will include various IRS issues.

The agenda will include a discussion on various letters, and other issues related to written communications from the IRS.

Dated: June 1, 2017.
Antoinette Ross,
Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.
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