

(11) Report on the emergency position indicating radio beacon rental program.

(12) Report on personal watercraft safety labels.

(13) Discussion on proposed changes to the personal flotation device classification system.

(14) Discussion on increasing the serviceable life of pyrotechnic visual distress signals.

(15) Discussion on life raft safety issues.

Prevention Through People Subcommittee. The agenda includes the following:

(1) Discuss personal flotation device labels.

(2) Discuss individual member Prevention Through People activities in the recreational boating community.

(3) Discuss the new Boating Under the Influence public awareness campaign concept.

(4) Discuss current regulatory projects, grants and contracts dealing with personal flotation devices.

Boat Occupant Protection Subcommittee. The agenda includes the following:

(1) Discuss current regulatory projects, grants and contracts impacting boat occupant protection.

(2) Discuss Personal Watercraft Standards Technical Panel activities.

(3) Review subcommittee charges and develop a status update.

Navigation Light Subcommittee. The agenda includes the following:

(1) Discuss issues coordinated with the Navigation Safety Advisory Council.

(2) Discuss navigation light certification rulemaking.

(3) Discuss navigation light grant projects.

Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may close early if all business is finished. At the Chairs' discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than October 13, 2000. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than October 13, 2000. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of a meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than October 6, 2000.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities

or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: September 16, 2000.

Kenneth T. Venuto,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Operations Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2000-45]

Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption (14 CFR Part 11), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Chapter I), dispositions of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of 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 any petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before October 8, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on any petition in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attn: Rule Docket (AGC-200), Petition Docket No.

_____, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

The petition, any comments received, and a copy of any final disposition are filed in the assigned regulatory docket and are available for examination in the Rules Docket (AGC-200), Room 915G, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB 10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-3132.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cherie Jack (202) 267-7271, Forest Rawls (202) 267-8033, or Vanessa Wilkins (202) 267-8029, Office of

Rulemaking (ARM-1), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591.

This notice is published pursuant to paragraphs (c), (e), and (g) of § 11.27 of Part 11 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 11).

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Donald P. Byrne,

Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Dispositions of Petitions

Docket No.: 29477

Petitioner: Aero Instruments and Avionics, Inc.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 145.45(f)

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition:

To permit AIA the extent necessary to assign one copy of its Inspection Procedures Manual (IPM) to each department manager rather than give a copy of the IPM to each of its supervisory and inspection personnel.

Grant, 08/29/00, Exemption No. 7337

Docket No.: 30135

Petitioner: Atlantic Aero, Inc.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 145.45(a)

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit AAI to assign copies of Inspection Procedures Manual (IPM) to its supervisory personnel and place copies of the IPM in strategic locations in lieu of giving a copy of the IPM to each of its supervisory and inspection personnel.

Grant, 08/29/00, Exemption No. 7336

Docket No.: 28885

Petitioner: Freefall Adventures, Inc.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 105.43(a)

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit nonstudent foreign national parachutists to participate in FAI-sponsored parachute jumping events without complying with the parachute packing and equipment requirements of § 105.43(a).

Grant, 08/29/00, Exemption No. 7335

Docket No.: 26559

Petitioner: Helicopter Association

International and the Association of Air Medical Services

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 43.3(a)

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit pilots employed by member operators of HAI or AAMS or other similarly-situated certificated operators to remove and reinstall liquid oxygen containers in their aircraft after receiving and documenting appropriate training by a properly certificated airframe mechanic.

Grant, 08/29/00, Exemption No. 6002C
Docket No.: 26378

Petitioner: DaimlerChrysler Aerospace,
MTU Maintenance Hannover GmbH
(MTU)

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR
145.47(c)(1)

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit MTU to extend its certification privileges as an FAA-approved foreign repair station to contract the maintenance and repair of engine components of International Aero Engines AG Model V2500 turbine engines to facilities that are not FAA-certificated repair stations, U.S.-original equipment manufacturers, or approved manufacturing licensees for such engines.

Grant, 08/25/00, Exemption No. 5337D
Docket No.: 26608

Petitioner: Phillips Alaska, Inc.

Section of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR
43.3(a), 43.7(a), 91.407(a)(2),
91.417(a)(2)(v), and 121.379

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit ARCO Alaska, Inc. (ARCO Alaska), and British Petroleum Exploration, Inc. (BPX), to use the approved maintenance recordkeeping procedures for Alaska Airlines, Inc. (ASA) for Boeing 737-200 aircraft leased and operated by ARCO Alaska and BPX. It also permits ASA to perform maintenance, preventive maintenance, alterations, inspections, major repairs, and major alterations, and subsequently return to service Boeing 737-200 aircraft leased and operated by ARCO Alaska and BPX in accordance with ASA's continuous airworthiness maintenance program and maintenance procedures.

Grant, 08/25/00, Exemption No. 5667D

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2000-7006]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: The FMCSA announces its decision to exempt 56 individuals from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10).

DATES: September 21, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the vision exemptions in this notice, Ms. Sandra Zywockarte, Office of Bus and Truck Standards and Operations, (202) 366-2987; for information about legal issues related to this notice, Ms. Judith Rutledge, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-2519, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

Internet users may access all comments received by the U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, by using the universal resource locator (URL): <http://dms.dot.gov>. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Please follow the instructions online for more information and help.

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Background

Sixty-one individuals petitioned the FHWA for an exemption of the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), which applies to drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. They are John W. Arnold, James H. Bailey, Victor F. Brast, Jr., John P. Brooks [published as James P. Brooks in the Notice of Intent on April 14, 2000], Robert W. Brown, Benny J. Burke, Derric D. Burrell, Anthony J. Cesternino, Ronald W. Coe, Sr., Richard A. Corey, James A. Creed, William G. Croy, Craig E. Dorrance, Willie P. Estep, Duane H. Eyre, James W. Frion, Lee Gallmeyer, Shawn B. Gaston, James F. Gereau, Rodney M. Gingrich, Esteban Gerardo Gonzalez, Harlan Lee Gunter, Thanh Van Ha, James O. Hancock, Paul A. Harrison, Joseph H. Heidkamp, Jr., Thomas J. Holtmann, Larry D. Johnson, Gary Killian, Marvin L. Kiser, Jr., David R. Lambert, James R. Lanier, Donald Eugene Lee, James Stanley Lewis, Thomas J. Long, Newton Heston Mahoney, Ronald L. Martsching, Robert Evans McClure, Jr., Duane D. Mims, James A. Mohr, William A. Moore, Leonard James Morton, Timothy W. Noble, Kevin J. O'Donnell, Gary L. Reveal, John W. Robbins, Jr., Doyle R.

Roundtree, Charles L. Schnell, David L. Slack, Everett J. Smeltzer, Philip Smiddy, James C. Smith, Terry L. Smith, James N. Spencer, Teresa Mary Steeves, Roger R. Strehlow, Timothy W. Strickland, John T. Thomas, Darel E. Thompson, Ralph A. Thompson, and Kevin Wayne Windham.

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e), the FMCSA may grant an exemption for a renewable 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." Accordingly, the FMCSA evaluated the petitions on their merits and made a preliminary determination that the waivers should be granted. On April 14, 2000, the agency published notice of its preliminary determination and requested comments from the public (65 FR 20245). The comment period closed on May 15, 2000. Three comments were received, and their contents were carefully considered by the FMCSA in reaching the final decision to grant the petitions.

The FMCSA has not made a decision on five applicants (Donald Eugene Lee, Thomas J. Long, Robert Evans McClure, Jr., Gary L. Reveal, and Charles L. Schnell). Subsequent to the publication of the preliminary determination, the agency received additional information from its check of these applicants' motor vehicle records, and we are evaluating that information. A decision on these five petitions will be made in the future.

Vision and Driving Experience of the Applicants

The vision requirement provides:

A person is physically qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle if that person has distant visual acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in each eye without corrective lenses or visual acuity separately corrected to 20/40 (Snellen) or better with corrective lenses, distant binocular acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in both eyes with or without corrective lenses, field of vision of at least 70° in the horizontal meridian in each eye, and the ability to recognize the colors of traffic signals and devices showing standard red, green, and amber." 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10).

Since 1992, the FHWA has undertaken studies to determine if this vision standard should be amended. The final report from our medical panel recommends changing the field of vision standard from 70° to 120°, while leaving the visual acuity standard unchanged. (See Frank C. Berson, M.D., Mark C. Kuperwaser, M.D., Lloyd Paul Aiello, M.D., and James W. Rosenberg, M.D., "Visual Requirements and Commercial Drivers," October 16, 1998, filed in the docket.) The panel's