

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[Docket No. FMCSA–2006–25756]

Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Standards; Volvo Trucks North America, Inc.'s Exemption Application**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA previously announced its decision to renew Volvo Trucks North America, Inc.'s (Volvo) exemption for seven of its drivers to enable them to test-drive commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in the United States without a commercial driver's license (CDL) issued by one of the States. FMCSA requested comment on the renewal of the exemption, but received no comments.

DATES: This exemption is effective from April 23, 2009 through April 23, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard Clemente, Driver and Carrier Operations Division (MC–PSD), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202–366–4325. E-mail: MCPSD@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e), FMCSA may grant or renew an exemption from the CDL requirements in 49 CFR 383.23 for a maximum two-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.” FMCSA evaluated Volvo's application on its merits and decided to grant the renewal of the exemption for seven of Volvo's engineers and technicians for a two-year period, effective April 23, 2009, as previously announced in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 6204, February 5, 2009).

Comments

The Agency received no response to its request for public comments published in the **Federal Register** on February 5, 2009 (74 FR 6204).

Terms and Conditions for the Exemption

Based upon evaluation of the application for an exemption, FMCSA granted Volvo a renewal of the exemption from the Federal CDL requirement in 49 CFR 383.23 for seven drivers (Peter Hofsten, Thorbjorn Ohlund, Freddy Blixt, Johnny

Adolfsson, Goran Alsen, Kjell Jansson, and Lars Svensson) to test-drive CMVs within the United States, subject to the following terms and conditions: (1) That these drivers are subject to drug and alcohol regulations, including testing, as provided in 49 CFR part 382, (2) that these drivers are subject to the same driver disqualification rules under 49 CFR parts 383 and 391 that apply to other CMV drivers in the U.S., (3) that these drivers keep a copy of the exemption in the vehicle they are driving at all times, (4) that Volvo notify FMCSA in writing of any accident, as defined in 49 CFR 390.5, involving one of the exempted drivers, and (5) that Volvo notify FMCSA in writing if any driver is convicted of a disqualifying offense described in section 383.51 or 391.15 of the FMCSRs.

The exemption will be revoked if: (1) The drivers for Volvo fail 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. 31315 and 31136.

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Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[Docket No. FMCSA–2006–26367]

Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces that the Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee (MCSAC) will hold a committee meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The MCSAC will hold two public sessions at its May meeting. The first will be held on Monday, May 18, 2009, from 10–11 a.m. (EDT), and will include a discussion between FMCSA management and the MCSAC committee on Task 09–02. This task was assigned at the MCSAC meeting on March 18 and asked the committee for suggestions on implementing a new cross-border trucking program between the United

States and Mexico. The meeting will be held via conference call. Should you wish to participate, please contact Shannon L. Watson at (202) 385–2395 or via e-mail at shannon.watson@dot.gov, by Wednesday, May 13, to receive information on how to access the call.

The May 20, 2009, public meeting will be held from 1–4 p.m. (EDT).

ADDRESSES: The May 20 meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Media Center, West Building, Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jeffrey K. Miller, Chief, Strategic Planning and Program Evaluation Division, Office of Policy Plans and Regulation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366–5370, mcsac@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

Section 4144 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–LU, Pub. L. 109–59) required the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation to establish a Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee in FMCSA. The advisory committee provides advice and recommendations to the FMCSA Administrator on motor carrier safety programs and motor carrier safety regulations. The advisory committee operates in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2). The Committee is comprised of 15 members appointed by the Administrator.

II. Meeting Participation

Both meetings are open to the public. FMCSA invites participation by all interested parties, including motor carriers, drivers, and representatives of motor carrier associations. Please note that attendees for the May 20, 2009, meeting will need to be pre-cleared in advance of the meeting in order to expedite entry into the building. By May 13, 2009, please e-mail mcsac@dot.gov if you plan to attend the meeting to facilitate the pre-clearance security process. For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, please e-mail mcsac@dot.gov by May 13, 2009.

As a general matter, the Committee will allocate one hour for public comments on, May 20, 2009, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.. Individuals wishing to address the committee should send an

e-mail to mcsac@dot.gov by May 13, 2009. The time available will be divided among those who have signed up to address the committee, but no one will be allotted more than 15 minutes. For a copy of the agenda, please send an e-mail to mcsac@dot.gov.

Individuals with a desire to present written materials to the committee should submit written comments identified by Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket Number FMCSA-2006-26367 using any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- **Fax:** 202-493-2251.

- **Mail:** Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

- **Hand Delivery:** U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

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Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Renewals; Vision

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

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA previously announced its decision to renew the exemptions from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 23 individuals. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemptions will provide a level of safety that will be equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these

commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Mary D. Gunnels, Director, Medical Programs, 202-366-4001, fmcamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W64-224, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

You may see all the comments online through the Federal Document Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption for a 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 comment period ended on April 20, 2009.

Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

Conclusion

The Agency has not received any adverse evidence on any of these drivers that indicates that safety is being compromised. Based upon its evaluation of the 23 renewal applications, FMCSA renews the Federal vision exemptions for Lucas R. Aleman, Rodger B. Anders, John D. Bolding, Jr., Timothy E. Coultas, Michael P. Curtin, Jimmy W. Deadwyler, William E. Dolson, Richard L. Elyard, Richard L. Elyard, James K. Holmes, Christopher J. Kane, William R. Mayfield, William R. Mayfield, Kirby G. Oathout, John J. Payne, James R. Petre, Zeljko Popovac, Jerald W. Rehnke, William E. Reveal, James R. Rieck, Duane L. Riendeau, Richie J. Schwendy, and Janusz Tyрпиен.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, each renewal exemption will be valid for 2 years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if: (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 and 31315.

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Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Open Meeting of the President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board (the PERAB)

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board will convene its first meeting on May 20, 2009, in the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, beginning at 1 p.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 20, 2009 at 1 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The PERAB will convene its first meeting in the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The public is invited to submit written statements to the Advisory Committee by any of the following methods:

Electronic Statements

- Send written statements to the PERAB's electronic mailbox at PERAB@do.treas.gov; or

Paper Statements

- Send paper statements in triplicate to Michelle Greene, Designated Federal Officer, President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board, Office of the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, Room 2326, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

In general, all statements will be posted on the White House Web site (<http://www.whitehouse.gov>) without change, including any business or personal information provided such as names, addresses, e-mail addresses, or telephone numbers. The Department will also make such statements available for public inspection and copying in the Department's Library, Room 1428, Main Department Building, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Time. You can make an appointment to inspect statements by telephoning (202) 622-0990. All statements, including attachments and other supporting materials, received are part of the public