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**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-1999-5748; FMCSA-1999-6156; FMCSA-1999-6480; FMCSA-2001-11426; FMCSA-2003-15892; FMCSA-2003-16241; FMCSA-2003-16564; FMCSA-2005-22194; FMCSA-2005-23099; FMCSA-2005-23238; FMCSA-2006-23773; FMCSA-2007-0071; FMCSA-2007-28695; FMCSA-2008-0231; FMCSA-2009-0011; FMCSA-2009-0086; FMCSA-2009-0154; FMCSA-2009-0291; FMCSA-2009-0321; FMCSA-2011-0299; FMCSA-2011-0324; FMCSA-2011-0365; FMCSA-2011-0366; FMCSA-2011-0378; FMCSA-2013-0170; FMCSA-2014-0002]

### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

**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 from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 87 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 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 commercial motor vehicle (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 May 9, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Numbers: Docket No. [Docket No. FMCSA-1999-5748; FMCSA-1999-6156; FMCSA-1999-6480; FMCSA-2001-11426; FMCSA-

2003–15892; FMCSA–2003–16241; FMCSA–2003–16564; FMCSA–2005–22194; FMCSA–2005–23099; FMCSA–2005–23238; FMCSA–2006–23773; FMCSA–2007–0071; FMCSA–2007–28695; FMCSA–2008–0231; FMCSA–2009–0011; FMCSA–2009–0086; FMCSA–2009–0154; FMCSA–2009–0291; FMCSA–2009–0321; FMCSA–2011–0299; FMCSA–2011–0324; FMCSA–2011–0365; FMCSA–2011–0366; FMCSA–2011–0378; FMCSA–2013–0170; FMCSA–2014–0002], 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.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, Medical Programs Division, 202–366–4001, [fmcamedical@dot.gov](mailto: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:**

**Background**

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may renew an exemption from the vision requirements in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce, for a 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.” The procedures for requesting an exemption (including renewals) are set out in 49 CFR part 381.

**Exemption Decision**

This notice addresses 87 individuals who have requested renewal of their exemptions in accordance with FMCSA procedures. FMCSA has evaluated these 87 applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable two-year period. Each individual is identified according to the renewal date.

The exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: (1) That each individual has a physical examination every year (a) by an ophthalmologist or optometrist who attests that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the requirements in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), and (b) by a medical examiner who attests that the individual is otherwise physically qualified under 49 CFR 391.41; (2) that each individual provides a copy of the ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report to the medical examiner at the time of the annual medical examination; and (3) that each individual provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver's qualification file and retains a copy of the certification on his/her person while driving for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official. Each exemption will be valid for two years unless rescinded earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be rescinded 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(e) and 31315.

**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 group(s) of drivers will receive renewed exemptions effective in the month of April and are discussed below.

As of April 12, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 13 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (68 FR 61857; 68 FR 75715; 71 FR 644; 72 FR 46261; 72 FR 54972; 73 FR 8392; 73 FR 46973; 73 FR 54888; 74 FR 19267; 74 FR 28094; 74 FR 37295; 74 FR 57553; 74 FR 60021; 75 FR 8184; 76 FR 8809; 76 FR 44652; 76 FR 70210; 76 FR 70212; 76 FR 73769; 77 FR 3547; 77 FR 5874; 77 FR 7233; 77 FR 7657; 77 FR 17117; 77 FR 17119; 77 FR 22059; 77 FR 22061; 78 FR 66099; 78 FR 67455; 79 FR 2248; 79 FR 4805; 79 FR 13085; 79 FR 14328; 79 FR 14332; 79 FR 18390):

Brian F. Denning (CA)  
James Esposito, Jr. (PA)  
Keith J. Haaf (VA)  
Lowell Johnson (MN)  
Chet A. Keen (UT)  
Allen J. Kunze (ND)  
Craig R. Martin (TX)  
Daniel I. Miller (PA)  
Jason E. Mallette (MS)  
John W. Myre (SD)  
Ezequiel M. Ramirez (TX)  
Mark A. Smalls (GA)  
Greg W. Story (NC)

The drivers were included in one of the following dockets: Docket Nos. FMCSA–2003–16241; FMCSA–2007–28695; FMCSA–2008–0231; FMCSA–2009–0086; FMCSA–2009–0154; FMCSA–2011–0299; FMCSA–2011–0324; FMCSA–2011–0366; FMCSA–2013–0170. Their exemptions are effective as of April 12, 2016 and will expire on April 12, 2018.

As of April 14, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 19 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (64 FR 40404; 64 FR 54948; 64 FR 66962; 64 FR 68195; 65 FR 159; 65 FR 20251; 66 FR 66969; 67 FR 10475; 67 FR 17102; 68 FR 61860; 68 FR 69432; 68 FR 74699; 68 FR 75715; 69 FR 10503; 69 FR 17267; 69 FR 8260; 70 FR 57353; 70 FR 72689; 71 FR 4194; 71 FR 5105; 71 FR 6824; 71 FR 6825; 71

FR 6826; 71 FR 13450; 71 FR 16410; 71 FR 19600; 71 FR 19602; 73 FR 8392; 73 FR 11989; 74 FR 60022; 75 FR 1835; 75 FR 4623; 75 FR 9482; 75 FR 13653; 77 FR 17107; 79 FR 18391):

Bradley T. Alspach (IL)  
 Scott E. Ames (ME)  
 Nick D. Bacon (KY)  
 Mark A. Baisden (OH)  
 Johnny W. Bradford, Sr. (KY)  
 Levi A. Brown (MT)  
 Charlie F. Cook (GA)  
 Curtis J. Crowston (ND)  
 Rupert G. Gilmore III (AL)  
 Albert L. Gschwind (WI)  
 Walter R. Hardiman (WV)  
 Michael W. Jones (IL)  
 Matthew J. Konecki (MT)  
 Jack D. Miller (OH)  
 Eric M. Moats, Sr. (MD)  
 Robert W. Nicks (NY)  
 Joseph S. Nix, IV (MO)  
 Robert V. Sloan (NC)  
 Steven L. Valley (ME)

The drivers were included in one of the following dockets: Docket No. FMCSA-1999-5748; FMCSA-1999-6156; FMCSA-1999-6480; FMCSA-2003-15892; FMCSA-2003-16564; FMCSA-2005-22194; FMCSA-2005-23099; FMCSA-2005-23238; FMCSA-2006-23773; FMCSA-2009-0321. Their exemptions are effective as of April 14, 2016 and will expire on April 14, 2018.

As of April 16, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following individual, Glen A. Schroeder (SD), has satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (79 FR 10611; 79 FR 22003).

The driver was included in the following docket: Docket No. FMCSA-2014-0002. The exemption is effective as of April 16, 2016 and will expire on April 16, 2018.

As of April 17, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 7 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (77 FR 19749; 77 FR 22838; 79 FR 15794):

Robert J. Abbas (MN)  
 Paul T. Browning (MT)  
 Kevan J. Larson (ID)  
 Gilbert M. Rosas (AZ)  
 Kim A. Shaffer (PA)  
 Larry W. Slinker (VA)  
 Lonnie J. Supanchick (NV)

The drivers were included in one of the following dockets: Docket No. FMCSA-2011-0378. Their exemptions are effective as of April 17, 2016 and will expire on April 17, 2018.

As of April 18, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 27 individuals

have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (79 FR 10606; 79 FR 10607; 79 FR 10608; 79 FR 10609; 79 FR 10610; 79 FR 10611; 79 FR 22003):

John M. Alfano (MI)  
 Felipe Bayron (WI)  
 Thomas Benavidez, Jr. (ID)  
 Gary A. Budde (IL)  
 Mark Castleman (MN)  
 Lorimer Christianson (IA)  
 David L. Dykes (FL)  
 Daniel Fedder (IL)  
 Edward A. Flitton (UT)  
 Juan Gallo-Gomez (CT)  
 Andeberhan O. Gidey (WA)  
 Luis Gomez-Banda (NV)  
 Christopher Goodwin (NC)  
 David Knobloch (MI)  
 Gregory L. Kockelman (MN)  
 Mark La Fleur (MD)  
 Jerry P. Lindesmith (OK)  
 Dennis A. Lindner (MN)  
 John Murray (WA)  
 Michael Nichols (GA)  
 Dino J. Pires (CT)  
 Anthony S. Poindexter (MD)  
 Phil N. Schad (MO)  
 Glen A. Schroeder (OR)  
 John B. Theres (IL)  
 Robert S. Waltz (ME)  
 Willard H. Weerts (IL)

The drivers were included on the following docket: Docket No. FMCSA-2014-0002. Their exemptions are effective as of April 18, 2016 and will expire on April 18, 2018.

As of April 23, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 11 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (67 FR 10471; 67 FR 19798; 68 FR 61857; 68 FR 74699; 68 FR 75715; 69 FR 19611; 71 FR 6825; 71 FR 6829; 71 FR 19604; 72 FR 46261; 72 FR 54972; 72 FR 71993; 73 FR 15254; 73 FR 16950; 74 FR 57553; 74 FR 65842; 75 FR 1835; 75 FR 9478; 75 FR 9482; 75 FR 20881; 77 FR 7657; 77 FR 10604; 77 FR 13689; 77 FR 17115; 77 FR 22059):

Lyle H. Banser (WI)  
 Cary Carn (NJ)  
 Charley J. Davis (OK)  
 Derek T. Ford (MD)  
 Thomas R. Hedden (IL)  
 Earl R. Mark (IL)  
 Richard K. Mell (VA)  
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 Russell L. Moyers, Sr. (WV)  
 Danny Rolfe (ME)  
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As of April 27, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 9 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (75 FR 9480; 75 FR 22176; 77 FR 3552; 77 FR 13691; 77 FR 17108; 79 FR 17642; 79 FR 17643):

Chad L. Burnham (ME)  
 Loren D. Chapman (MN)  
 David A. Christenson (NV)  
 John T. Edmondson (AL)  
 Paul K. Leger (NH)  
 Martin L. Reyes (IL)  
 Gerald L. Rush, Jr. (NJ)  
 Alan T. Watterson (MA)  
 Larry W. Winkler (MO)

The drivers were included in one of the following dockets: Docket No. FMCSA-2009-0011; FMCSA-2011-0365. Their exemptions are effective as of April 27, 2016 and will expire on April 27, 2018.

Each of the 87 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.

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*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2016-0033]

#### Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel FISH MASTER; Invitation for Public Comments

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build

requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before May 9, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2016-0033. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bianca Carr, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W23-453, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-9309, Email [Bianca.carr@dot.gov](mailto:Bianca.carr@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel FISH MASTER is: Intended Commercial Use of Vessel: Recreation Coastwise/Sport Fishing Geographic Region: "Florida."

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD-2016-0033 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter's interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in § 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

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