The Title VI regulations provide that DOS will investigate whenever it receives a complaint, report, or other information that alleges or indicates possible noncompliance with Title VI or its regulations. If the investigation results in a finding of compliance, DOS will inform the recipient in writing of this determination, including the basis for the determination. DOS uses voluntary mediation to resolve most complaints. However, if a case is fully investigated and results in a finding of noncompliance, DOS must inform the recipient of the noncompliance through a Letter of Findings that sets out the areas of noncompliance and the steps that must be taken to correct the noncompliance. It must attempt to secure voluntary compliance through informal means. If the matter cannot be resolved informally, DOS must secure compliance through the termination of Federal assistance after the DOS recipient has been given an opportunity for an administrative hearing and/or by referring the matter to a DOJ litigation section to seek injunctive relief or pursue other enforcement proceedings. DOS engages in voluntary compliance efforts and provides technical assistance to recipients at all stages of an investigation. During these efforts, DOS proposes reasonable timetables for achieving compliance and consults with and assists recipients in exploring cost-effective ways of coming into compliance. In determining a recipient's compliance with the Title VI regulations, DOS's primary concern is to ensure that the recipient's policies and procedures provide meaningful access for LEP persons to the recipient's programs and activities.

While all recipients must work toward building systems that will ensure access for LEP individuals, DOS acknowledges that the implementation of a comprehensive system to serve LEP individuals is a process and that a system will evolve over time as it is implemented and periodically reevaluated. As recipients take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to federally assisted programs and activities for LEP persons, DOS will look favorably on the intermediate steps recipients take that are consistent with this guidance, and that, as part of a broader implementation plan or schedule, move their service delivery system toward providing full access to LEP persons. This does not excuse noncompliance but instead recognizes that full compliance in all areas of a recipient's activities, and for all potential language minority groups, may reasonably require a series of implementing actions over a period of time. However, in developing any phased implementation schedule, DOS recipients should ensure that the provision of appropriate assistance for significant LEP populations affected by activities having a significant impact on the health, safety, legal rights, education, economic status or immigration status, or livelihood of beneficiaries is addressed first. Recipients are encouraged to document their efforts to provide LEP persons with meaningful access to federally assisted programs and activities.

Dated: August 24, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed the Week Ending August 20, 2004

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days after the filing of the application.

Docket Number: OST–2004–18935.
Date Filed: August 20, 2004.
Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.
Subject:
PTC31 N&C/CIRC 0278 dated August 20, 2004.
Mail Vote 405 Resolution 010w Special Passenger Amending Resolution, from Korea (Rep. of) to USA/US Territories, Intended effective date: September 10, 2004.

Docket Number: OST–2004–18928.
Date Filed: August 19, 2004.
Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.
Subject:
PTC COMP 1177 dated August 20, 2004.
Mail Vote 404 Resolution 010u Special Amending Resolution, Intended effective date: September 1, 2004.

Docket Number: OST–2004–18918.
Date Filed: August 18, 2004.
Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.
Subject:
PTC COMP 1169 dated August 6, 2004.
Composite Resolutions r1–r9, Minutes: PTC COMP 1176 dated August 20, 2004, Intended effective date: April 1, 2005.

Docket Number: OST–2004–18922.
Date Filed: August 18, 2004.
Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.
Subject:
PTC COMP 1171 dated August 6, 2004.
Composite Resolutions 300 and 301, Minutes: PTC COMP 1176 dated August 20, 2004, Intended effective date: April 1, 2005.

Docket Number: OST–2004–18921.
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Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.
Subject:
PTC COMP 1170 dated August 6, 2004.
Composite Resolutions 087aa and 092, Minutes: PTC COMP 1176 dated August 20, 2004, Intended effective date: April 1, 2005.

Docket Number: OST–2004–18916.
Date Filed: August 17, 2004.
Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association.
Subject:
PTC2 ME 0137 dated July 2, 2004.
TC2 Within Middle East Resolutions r1–r14, Minutes: PTC2 ME 0139 dated August 17, 2004, Tables: PTC2 ME Fares 0051 dated July 2, 2004, Intended effective date: January 1, 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2004–18885]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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

ACTION: Notice of applications for exemption from the vision standard; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes the FMCSA's receipt of applications from 29 individuals for an exemption from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. If granted, the exemptions will enable these individuals to qualify as drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce without meeting the vision standard prescribed in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 1, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by any of the following