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periods of either 6 or 7 consecutive days. PMRR is a marine terminal-switching railway operated on Manatee County Authority property at Port Manatee in Palmetto, Florida. PMRR provides support in vessel loading/discharge cargo operations and is not part of the General Railroad System of transportation. To avoid substantial operational and financial burdens and, at the same time, maintain a level of appropriate service to vessels while ensuring a safe working environment for its employees, a waiver request was submitted to FRA for approval.

PMMR currently has 6 train and engine service employees who typically work three assignments as follows: (1) A regular shift between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.; (2) an overtime shift between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.; and (3) a split shift that includes 8 a.m. to noon, an 8 hour break, followed by 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. PMRR reports that its employees are not unionized, and with its waiver request, the railroad filed documentation indicating that its employees unanimously support the request for relief. PMRR’s entire petition may be viewed at http://www.regulations.gov.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA–2010–0091) and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Mail: Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590.
- Hand Delivery: 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular business hours (9 a.m.–5 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility’s Web site at http://www.regulations.gov.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the document (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477) or at http://www.dot.gov/privacy.html.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 27, 2010.

Robert C. Lauby,
Deputy Associate Administrator for Regulatory and Legislative Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration


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 59 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, fmcsamedical@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 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 authorizes the Agency to renew exemptions at the end of the 2-year period. The comment period ended on August 26, 2010 (75 FR 44050).

Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

Conclusion


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. 

Issued on: September 28, 2010.

Charles A. Horan III,  
Director, Office of Bus and Truck Standards and Operations.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration  


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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 18 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, Director, Medical Programs, (202) 366–4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.  

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Discussion of Comments  

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.  

Conclusion  


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.  

Issued on: September 28, 2010.  

Larry W. Minor,  
Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development.

Maritime Administration  

[Docket No. MARAD–2010–0083]  

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws  

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.  

ACTION: Invitation for public comments on a requested administrative waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws for the vessel HAWK.  

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. The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2010–0083 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 (68 FR 23084; April 30, 2003), 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.  

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 1, 2010.  

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2010–0083. 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.  


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel HAWK is: INTENDED COMMERCIAL USE OF VESSEL: “Day charter, eco/historic tourism.”  

Geographic Region: “Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida.”  

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