

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Because the foregoing proposed rule change: (1) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (2) does not impose any significant burden on competition; (3) does not become operative for 30 days from August 13, 1999, the date on which it is filed, and because the Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the filing date, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) ¹² of the Act and Rule 19b-4(b)(6) ¹³ thereunder.¹⁴ At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in the furtherance of the purposes of Act.¹⁵

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at

the principal office of the Amex. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Amex-99-32 and should be submitted by October 14, 1999.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁶

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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Air Carrier and General Aviation Maintenance Issues

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting cancellation.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public that the October 5th meeting of the Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee, scheduled to discuss Air Carrier and General Aviation Maintenance Issues (64 FR 50318; September 16, 1999) has been cancelled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolina E. Forrester, (202) 267-9690, Office of Rulemaking (ARM-200), 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591.

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Anthony F. Fazio,

Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. FHWA-99-5578]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: The FHWA announces its decision to exempt 32 individuals from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10).

DATES: September 23, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the vision

exemptions in this notice, Ms. Sandra Zywockarte, Office of Motor Carrier Research and Standards, (202) 366-2987; for information about legal issues related to this notice, Ms. Judith Rutledge, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-0834, Federal Highway Administration, 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

Thirty-two individuals petitioned the FHWA for a waiver 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 Grady Lee Black, Jr., Marvin E. Brock, Roosevelt Bryant, Jr., John Alex Chizmar, Billy M. Coker, Cliff Dovel, George T. Ellis, Jr., Weldon R. Evans, Richard L. Gagnebin, James P. Guth, James J. Hewitt, Paul M. Hoerner, Carroll Joseph Ledet, Charles L. Lovern, Craig M. Mahaffey, Michael S. Maki, Gerald Wayne McGuire, Eldon Miles, Craig W. Miller, Walter F. Moniowczak, Howard R. Payne, Kenneth Adam Reddick, Leonard Rice, Jr., Willard L. Riggle, John A. Sortman, James Archie Strickland, James Terry Sullivan, Edward A. Vanderhei, Buford C. Varnadore, Kevin P. Weinhold, Thomas A. Wise, and Rayford R. Harper. Under 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e), the FHWA 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 FHWA evaluated the petitions on their merits and made a preliminary determination that the waivers should be granted. On May 18, 1999, the agency

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁴ The Commission notes that it recently approved identical procedures for the New York Stock Exchange. See *supra* note 4.

¹⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(C).

¹⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).