

amended to include the municipalities of Arroyo, Canovanas, Fajardo, Loiza, Naguabo, Toa Baja and Yabucoa as disaster areas due to damages caused by severe storms, flooding, mudslides and landslides beginning on November 10, 2003 and continuing.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the contiguous municipalities of Bayamon, Carolina, Catano, Dorado, Humacao, Juncos and Toa Alta may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location. All other municipalities contiguous to the above named primary municipalities have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is January 20, 2004, and for economic injury the deadline is August 23, 2004.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: November 28, 2003.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 4547]

Update on Current Universal Postal Union Issues

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of briefing.

The Department of State will host a briefing on Thursday, December 18, 2003, to provide an update on current Universal Postal Union issues, including work leading up to and preparations for the UPU Congress to be held in Bucharest, Romania from September 15 to October 5, 2004.

The briefing will be held from 1 p.m. until approximately 4 p.m., on December 18, in Room 1207 of the Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC. The briefing will be open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room (40 persons).

The briefing will provide information on the results of the October 2003 session of the UPU Council of Administration and concurrent meetings of the UPU Postal Operations Council. Special attention will be paid to several major issues discussed at these meetings, including terminal dues, extra-territorial offices of exchange, and the status of proposals to create a UPU Consultative Committee whose membership is primarily from the

private sector. Information will also be provided about publication of a study of the remail provisions of Article 43 of the UPU Convention and the status of United States preparations for the 2004 UPU Congress in Bucharest. The briefing will be chaired by Deputy Assistant Secretary Terry Miller of the Department of State. Entry to the Department of State building is controlled and will be facilitated by advance arrangements. In order to arrange admittance, persons desiring to attend the briefing should, no later than noon on December 17, 2003, notify the Office of Technical and Specialized Agencies, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State, preferably by fax, providing the name of the meeting and the individual's name, Social Security number, date of birth, professional affiliation, address and telephone number. The fax number to use is (202) 647-8902. Voice telephone is (202) 647-1044. This request applies to both government and non-government individuals.

All attendees must use the main entrance of the Department of State at 23rd Street between C and D Streets, NW. Please note that under current security restrictions, C Street is closed to vehicular traffic between 21st and 23rd Streets. Taxis may leave passengers at 21st and C Streets, 23rd and C Streets, or 22nd Street and Constitution Avenue. One of the following means of identification will be required for admittance: any U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or any U.S. Government agency identification card.

Questions concerning the briefing may be directed to Mr. Donald Booth at (202) 647-2752 or via email at boothde@state.gov.

Dated: November 21, 2003.

Donald Booth,

Director, Office of Technical and Specialized Agencies, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2003-16471]

Notice of Request To Renew Approval of an Information Collection: OMB Control No. 2126-0011 (Commercial Driver Licensing and Test Standards)

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that FMCSA intends to submit a request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for renewed approval of the information collection described below. This information collection is needed to ensure that motor carriers and the States are complying with notification requirements for obtaining information about licensing, violations, convictions, and disqualifications within certain time periods as required by the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 (CMVSA), as amended. This notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Your comments must be submitted by February 2, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, or submit electronically at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Be sure to include the docket number appearing in the heading of this document on your comment. All comments received will be available for examination and copying at the above address from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you would like to be notified when your comment is received, you must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard or you may print the acknowledgment page that appears after submitting comments electronically.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ronald Finn, (202) 366-0647, Office of Safety Programs, State Programs Division (MC-ESS), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20590. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Commercial Driver Licensing and Test Standards.

OMB Number: 2126-0011.

Background: In 1986, Congress enacted the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act (Public Law 99-570, Title XII, 100 Stat. 3207-170) among other things, to establish minimum standards for testing and licensing persons who want to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) by weight or use category, and requiring drivers to have a single commercial driver's license (CDL) and driving history record.

Under 49 CFR 383.5, a CMV is defined as a motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles which:

(a) Has a gross combination weight rating of 11,794 or more kilograms (kg) (26,001 or more pounds (lbs) inclusive of a towed unit with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of more than 4,536 kg (10,000 lbs)); (b) has a GVWR of 11,794 or more kg (26,001 or more lbs); (c) is designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver; or (d) is of any size and is used to transport hazardous materials as hazardous materials are defined in 49 CFR 383.5.

The CMVSA requires a driver to notify both their employer and the licensing official in the driver's State of licensure of all violations of any State or local laws relating to traffic control (except parking violations). A person whose CDL is suspended, revoked, or canceled by a State, or who is disqualified from operating a CMV for any period, also must notify their employer of such actions. A person applying for employment as a CMV driver also must notify prospective employers of their employment history as a CMV driver for the previous ten years.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 31309, the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) must maintain an information clearinghouse and depository of information about the issuance of a license, and identification and disqualification of CMV operators, in conjunction with 49 U.S.C. 31106. The Secretary may consult with the States in carrying out this section. States must certify that they are in compliance with the CDL program. If a State does not substantially comply with these requirements, the FMCSA may penalize the State until compliance is achieved. The information required to be collected by the States will be used to determine whether the States are in substantial compliance with these requirements.

This request for renewed approval includes additional burdens for recordkeeping requirements under 49 CFR 384.231(d) concerning retention and updating of driver records on the Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS). These requirements also include the maintenance of such driver records and driver identification data on the CDLIS as the FMCSA finds are necessary to implement and enforce the disqualifications called for in 49 U.S.C. 384.215 through 384.219, and 384.221 through 384.224.

Respondents: Motor carriers, CMV drivers and State governments.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,080,345 hours. The information collection is comprised of four components:

(1) Notification of convictions: Estimated number of annual responses = 3,776,667 (11.3 million CDL drivers/3 = 3,776,667). It takes approximately 10 minutes to notify a motor carrier concerning convictions. Each driver averages approximately 1 conviction every 3 years. The notification requirement has an estimated annual burden of 627,778 burden hours (11.3 million CDL drivers/3 × 10/60 = 627,778 hours);

(2) Employment history: Estimated annual turnover rate = 14%. There are an estimated 1,582,000 annual responses to this requirement (11.3 million CDL drivers × .14 annual turnover rate = 1,582,000). It takes approximately 15 minutes to complete this requirement. The employment history requirement has an estimated annual burden of 395,500 hours (1,582,000 annual responses × 15 min./60 = 395,500 hours);

(3) State compliance and certification: There are 51 responses to this requirement (50 States and the District of Columbia) and it takes approximately 32 hours to complete each response. The compliance and certification requirement has an estimated annual burden of 1,632 hours (51 responses × 32 hours = 1,632 hours); and

(4) CDLIS Recordkeeping: Fifty (50) States and the District of Columbia are required to enter data into CDLIS about operators of CMVs and to perform record checks before issuing, renewing or upgrading a CDL or allowing a CDL transfer. We estimate that the average amount of time for each CDLIS inquiry is 2 minutes. The total burden hours is 55,435 for these combined activities: 12,160 hours for all States to create a new driver; 4,023 hours for all States to change the State of record; 19,759 hours for all States to change data and 19,493 hours to enter citizenship information.

Public Comments Invited: We invite you to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including, but not limited to: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the FMCSA, including whether the information is practical and useful; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the information collected.

Electronic Access and Filing: You may submit or retrieve comments online through the Docket Management System (DMS) at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Acceptable formats include: MS Word (versions 95 to 97), MS Word for Mac (versions 6 to 8), Rich Text File (RTF),

American Standard Code Information Interchange (ASCII)(TXT), Portable Document Format (PDF), and WordPerfect (versions 7 to 8). The DMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines are available under the help section of the web site.

You may also download an electronic copy of this document from the DOT Docket Management System on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov/search.htm>. Please include the docket number appearing in the heading of this document.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.73.

Warren E. Hoemann,
Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA -2003-16405]

Notice of Request for Renewal of a Currently Approved Information Collection: Request for Revocation of Authority Granted

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FMCSA is seeking public comments about our intent to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval to renew the currently approved information collection identified as "Request for Revocation of Authority Granted." This information collection notifies the FMCSA of a voluntary request by a motor carrier, freight forwarder, or property broker to amend or revoke its registration of authority granted. The Paperwork Reduction Act requires the publication of this notice.

DATES: Please submit comments by February 2, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; telefax comments to (202) 493-2251; or submit electronically at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>. Be sure to include the docket number appearing in this notice's heading. All comments received may be examined and copied