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- April 25:
- Registration
- Opening Plenary Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Review/Accept Meeting Agenda and of Previous Minutes)
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 - April 28:
 - Sub-Group Reports (including Sub-group Product Outline Tracking)
 - Closing Plenary Session (Other Business, Date and Place of Next Meeting, Meeting Evaluation, Adjourn)
 - Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Francisco Estrada, C.,

RTCA Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 147: Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance Systems Airborne Equipment

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of RTCA Special Committee 147 meeting.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of RTCA Special Committee 147: Minimum Operational Performance Standards for Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance Systems Airborne Equipment.

DATES: The meeting will be held April 27, 2006, starting at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Embassy Suites Hotel, 2577 W. Greenway Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RTCA Secretariat, 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036; telephone (202) 833-9339; fax (202) 833-9434; Web site <http://www.rtca.org>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a Special Committee 147 meeting. The agenda will include:

- April 27:
 - Opening Session (Welcome and Introductory Remarks, Review/Approve meeting agenda for 62nd meeting, Review/Approve Summary of Previous Meeting, Review of Open Action Items).
 - FAA TCAS II Program Office activities and charter.
 - Plenary and working group leadership changes.
 - SC-147 Activity Reports.
 - Surveillance Working Group: Hybrid Surveillance MOPS.
 - Operations Working Group: "Adjust Vertical Speed, Adjust" RAs.
 - Requirements Working Group (RWG).
 - Closing Session (Other Business, Future Actions/Activities, Date and Place of Next Meeting, Adjourn).

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2006-24147]

Notice of Request for Clearance of a New Information Collection: Assessing the Effectiveness of the Arbitration Program as a Means of Settling Household Goods Disputes

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces FMCSA's plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The ICR is related to the current arbitration dispute resolution procedures used to settle loss and damage claims by shippers who have contracted with household goods (HHGs) carriers for interstate transport of their household goods shipments. On October 24, 2005, the agency published a **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period to solicit the public's views on the information collection pertaining to this subject. One comment was received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 1, 2006. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT/FMCSA Desk Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Darrell Ruban, (202) 385-2400, Commercial Enforcement Division (MC-ECC), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This package contains the following supplementary information:

Title: Assessing the Effectiveness of the Arbitration Program as a Means of Settling Household Goods Disputes.

OMB Control Number: 2126-XXXX.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Background: The Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) is authorized

to register for-hire motor carriers of regulated commodities under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13902, surface freight forwarders under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13903, and property brokers under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 13904. These persons may conduct interstate transportation services only if they are registered pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 13901. As a condition of registration under 49 U.S.C. 13902 and 13903 [The Interstate Commerce Commission Termination Act of 1995 (ICCTA), (Pub. L. 104–88, 109 Stat. 803), (now codified at 49 U.S.C. 14708(a))], a carrier providing transportation of household goods subject to jurisdiction under subchapters I or III of chapter 135, title 49, U.S.C., must agree to offer arbitration to HHGs shippers as a means of settling disputes concerning damage or loss to the household goods transported, and to determine whether carrier charges, in addition to those collected at delivery, must be paid by shippers for transportation and services related to transportation of household goods [Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–LU), Public Law 109–59, 119 Stat. 1144, Aug. 10, 2005 (H.R. 3, Sec. 4208. Arbitration Requirements)].

Under 49 U.S.C. 14708(g), the Secretary is required to complete an assessment of the dispute settlement program and if, after notice and opportunity for comment, it is determined that changes to the program are necessary, the Secretary will implement such changes and provide a report to Congress on the changes made. The General Accountability Office (GAO) recommended such an assessment in their March 2001 review (Report Number GAO–01–318). The Secretary has delegated authority pertaining to these registrations and arbitration matters to FMCSA.

Since the passage of the ICCTA, the level of Federal involvement in mitigating interstate HHGs disputes has been significantly reduced. FMCSA is responsible for overseeing the arbitration process, but has provided only limited attention, staffing, and resources to this non-safety related function. Shippers of household goods unhappy about loss or damage to property during their move with an interstate HHGs carriers may follow one of several paths to settle disputes as follows: (1) File a complaint with consumer assistance organizations or FMCSA; (2) agree to participate in a binding arbitration process with the American Moving and Storage Association (AMSA) or some other organization that runs an arbitration

process; or (3) pursue civil litigation. Each carrier providing transportation of household goods must agree to offer to shippers of HHGs neutral arbitration, as well as a concise easy-to-read, accurate summary of the arbitration procedure, any applicable costs, and disclosure of the legal effects of election to utilize arbitration and inform shippers about the availability of this process to resolve complaints (49 U.S.C. § 14708(a) and (b)(2)). As mandated by Congress, FMCSA is required to determine the effectiveness of arbitration as a means of settling HHGs disputes from the point of view of both interstate shippers and carriers. The increasing number of consumer complaints related to HHGs shipments received by FMCSA and other consumer protection organizations demonstrates the current need for such an assessment.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondents: Household goods shippers and carriers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 324 [100 respondents × 3 surveys + 24 respondents × 1 survey = 324 respondents].

Average Burden per Response: 30 minutes per survey.

Total Annual Hours Requested: The estimated total annual burden is 162 hours for the information collection comprised of four arbitration satisfaction surveys—one for HHGs arbitration users, one for HHGs arbitration complainants, one for HHGs carriers; and one for HHGs arbitration filers who have filed complaints with FMCSA [100 respondents × 3 surveys + 24 respondents × 1 survey × 30 minutes / 60 minutes = 162 hours].

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of FMCSA, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, without reducing the quality of the collected information. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval.

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Annette M. Sandberg,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket Nos. FMCSA–99–5578, FMCSA–99–6156, FMCSA–99–6480, FMCSA–2002–13411, FMCSA–2003–16241, FMCSA–2003–16564]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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

ACTION: Notice of renewal of exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to renew the exemptions from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 16 individuals. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from its vision standards if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemptions 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: This decision is effective April 14, 2006. Comments must be received on or before May 1, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Management System (DMS) Docket Numbers FMCSA–99–5578, FMCSA–99–6156, FMCSA–99–6480, FMCSA–2002–13411, FMCSA–2003–16241 and FMCSA–2003–16564, using any of the following methods.

- Web site: <http://dmses.dot.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- Fax: 1–202–493–2251.
- Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL–401, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- Hand Delivery: Room PL–401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions must include the Agency name and docket numbers for this Notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://dms.dot.gov>, including any personal information