uses the form to seek information concerning the registrant’s docket number, name and address, and the reasons for the revocation request.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this revised information collection request, including: (1) The necessity and usefulness of the information collection for the FMCSA to meet its goal in reducing truck crashes; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (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 collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB’s clearance of this information collection.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 13902, 13903, 13904 and 13905; and 49 CFR 1.73.

Rose A. McMurray,
Chief Safety Officer, Assistant Administrator.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
[Docket No. FMCSA–2003–14652]

Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) Standards; Isuzu Motors America, Inc.’s Exemption Application

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

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA previously announced its decision to renew Isuzu Motors America, Inc.’s (Isuzu) exemption for 19 of its drivers to enable them to test-drive commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in the United States without a commercial driver’s license (CDL) issued by one of the States. Following the renewal one comment to the public docket was received. The Agency has considered the comment and continues to believe the knowledge and skills testing and training program that drivers must undergo to obtain a Japanese CDL ensures that each of these 19 drivers will achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety achieved without the exemption. The Agency therefore declines to rescind or change the terms of the exemption.

DATES: This exemption is effective from June 21, 2006 through June 20, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Thomas Yager, Chief, Driver and Carrier Operations Division, Office of Bus and Truck Standards and Operations, MC–PSD, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001. Telephone: 202–366–4009. E-mail: MCPSD@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e), FMCSA may grant or renew an exemption from the CDL requirements in 49 CFR 383.23 for a maximum two-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” (49 CFR 381.305 (a)). FMCSA evaluated Isuzu’s application on its merits and decided to grant the renewal of the exemption for 19 of Isuzu’s engineers and technicians for a two-year period, effective June 21, 2006 as previously announced in the Federal Register (71 FR 35726, June 21, 2006).

Isuzu Application for Renewal of Exemption

Isuzu applied for renewal of an exemption from the 49 CFR 383.23 requirement that the operator of a CMV obtain a CDL. This section sets forth the standards that States must employ in issuing CDLs to drivers operating in commerce. In the United States, an individual must be a resident of a State in order to qualify for a CDL; 1 the Isuzu drivers for whom this exemption was sought are all residents of Japan. A copy of the Isuzu request for exemption from section 383.23 is in the docket identified at the beginning of this notice.

Japanese Drivers

The exemption granted in 2006 enables 19 drivers to test-drive in the United States Isuzu CMVs that are assembled, sold or primarily used in the U.S.

Collectively, these drivers form a team of mechanics, vehicle test engineers, technicians and other employees.

Comments

The Agency received one comment in response to its request for public comments on this renewal (71 FR 35726, June 21, 2006). The commenter objected to the renewal based on the Japanese drivers’ potential lack of familiarity with United States highway and traffic conditions, and the operation of vehicles with steering wheels on the left side.

FMCSA Response

FMCSA does not agree with the objection. This is a renewal of a 2-year exemption. These drivers operated in the U.S. during the original exemption period, and Isuzu reported in its application for renewal that none of them received any traffic citations or was involved in any accidents from the time of the original exemption on October 16, 2003, through the date of its application for renewal.

FMCSA Decision

The FMCSA decision to grant the request to renew the exemption from section 383.23 was based on the merits of the application for exemption and the rigorous knowledge and skills testing of Japanese drivers concerning the safe operation of CMVs. All available evidence indicates that the 19 drivers covered by the exemption continue to operate as safely as they would have by complying with U.S. CDL regulations.

Unless these drivers fail to maintain the conditions specified in the June 21, 2006, decision, the exemption will remain in effect through June 20, 2008.


Rose A. McMurray,
Chief Safety Officer, Assistant Administrator.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Transit Administration
[FTA Docket No. ITA–2007–27772]

Notice of Request for the Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) approval to renew the following information collection: Pre-Award and Post-Delivery Review Requirements. The information to be collected for this program is necessary to certify that pre-award and post-delivery reviews will be conducted when using FTA funds to purchase revenue service vehicles.

DATES: Comments must be submitted before June 4, 2007.

1 Although 49 CFR 393.23 indicates that these drivers could obtain a Nonresident CDL, very few States are currently issuing Nonresident CDLs due to security concerns.
ADRESSES: You may 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. Comments may also be faxed to (202) 493–2251; or submitted electronically at http://dms.dot.gov. All comments should include the docket number in this notice’s heading. All comments may be examined and copied at the above address from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. If you desire a receipt, you must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or, if you submit your comments electronically, you may print the acknowledgement page.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pre-Award and Post-Delivery Review Requirements—John Bell, Office of Program Management, Federal Transit Administration, U.S. DOT, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; phone: (202) 366-4977; or e-mail: john.bell@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FTA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection.

Title: Pre-Award and Post-Delivery Review Requirements. (OMB Number: 2132–0544).

Background: Under the Federal Transit Laws, at 49 U.S.C. Section 5323(m), grantees must certify that preaward and post-delivery reviews will be conducted when using FTA funds to purchase rolling stock and maintain on file these certifications. FTA implements this requirement in 49 CFR Part 663 by describing the certificates that must be submitted by each bidder to assure compliance with the Buy America contract specification and vehicle safety requirements for rolling stock. The information collected on the certification forms is necessary for FTA grantees to meet the requirements of 49 U.S.C. Section 5323(m).

Respondents: State and local government, businesses or other for-profit institutions, non-profit institutions, and small business organizations.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 4.32 hours for each of the 700 Respondents.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 3,024 hours.

Frequency: Annual.


Ann M. Linerertz, Associate Administrator for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35005]

Chicago Terminal Railroad— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Rail Lines of Union Pacific Railroad Company and Canadian Pacific Rail System at Elk Grove Village, Cook and DuPage Counties, IL

Chicago Terminal Railroad (CTM), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire by lease and to operate rail lines owned by Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and Canadian Pacific Rail System (CP) in the Centex Industrial Park and adjacent Elk Grove Yard in Elk Grove Village in Cook and DuPage Counties, IL. The subject rail lines, owned by UP, or jointly by UP and CP, include approximately 25 miles of rail lines in the Centex Industrial Park and approximately 11,500 feet of rail line in the adjacent Elk Grove Yard, originating at the west end of UP’s approximate 800-foot Elk Grove Lead Track extending from its Milwaukee Subdivision at milepost 7.8.

CTM certifies that its projected annual revenues as a result of this transaction will not exceed a Class II or Class I rail carrier, and further certifies that its projected annual revenues will not exceed $5 million. The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on April 15, 2007.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction. An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 35005, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423–0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Fritz R. Kahn, Fritz R. Kahn, PC, 1920 N Street, NW., Eighth Floor, Washington, DC 20036–1801.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at http://www.stb.dot.gov.


By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Secretary

List of Countries Requiring Cooperation With an International Boycott

In order to comply with the mandate of section 999(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Department of the Treasury is publishing a current list of countries which require or may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

On the basis of the best information currently available to the Department of the Treasury, the following countries require or may require participation in, or cooperation with, and international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

Kuwait
Lebanon
Libya
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Syria
United Arab Emirates
Yemen, Republic of

Iraq is not included in this list, but its status with respect to future lists remains under review by the Department of the Treasury.


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1By letter filed March 21, 2007, CTM’s original counsel submitted a notice of withdrawal of counsel. By facsimile received on March 28, 2007, Fritz R. Kahn entered his appearance as counsel for CTM.