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By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Kulunie L. Cannon,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2000-8398; FMCSA-2002-12294; FMCSA-2002-12844; FMCSA-2004-17984; FMCSA-2005-20027]

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 13 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:

Electronic Access

You may see all the comments online through the Federal Document Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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 allows the Agency to renew exemptions at the end of the 2-year period. The

comment period ended on March 30, 2009.

Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

Conclusion

The Agency has not received any adverse evidence on any of these drivers that indicates that safety is being compromised. Based upon its evaluation of the 13 renewal applications, FMCSA renews the Federal vision exemptions for David F. Breuer, Wilford F. Christian, Richard S. Cummings, Joseph A. Dean, Jimmy C. Killian, Daniel L. Jacobs, Jimmy C. Killian, Jose M. Limon-Alvarado, Eugene R. Lydick, John W. Montgomery, Billy L. Riddle, Scottie Stewart, and Artis Suitt.

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.

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Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2009-0038]

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 ISLAND SPIRIT.

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-2009-

0038 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 May 26, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD-2009-0038. 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>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joann Spittle, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W21-203, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone 202-366-5979.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel ISLAND SPIRIT is:

Intended Use: "As a vessel in which sailing skills and navigation are taught by a licensed (USCG MASTER) and certified instructor. Additional use as a skippered charter vessel operated by a USCG MASTER which could include multi day trips as well as day and evening charters. Use as a bareboat charter vessel."

Geographic Region: "Washington State, Oregon, California and Alaska".

Privacy Act

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, 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 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78).

Dated: April 14, 2009.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Leonard Sutter,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration**

Notice of Submission Deadline for Schedule Information for O'Hare International Airport, John F. Kennedy International Airport, and Newark Liberty International Airport for the Winter 2009/10 Scheduling Season

AGENCY: Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

ACTION: Notice of submission deadline.

SUMMARY: Under this notice, the FAA announces the submission deadline of May 14, 2009, for Winter 2009/10 flight schedules at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport (ORD), New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK), and Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) in accordance with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Worldwide Scheduling Guidelines. The deadline of May 14, 2009, coincides with the schedule submission deadline for the IATA Schedules Conference for the Winter 2009/10 scheduling season.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA has designated ORD as an IATA Level 2, Schedules Facilitated Airport, and JFK and EWR as Level 3, Coordinated Airports. Scheduled operations at JFK and EWR are currently limited by the FAA under orders that expire on October 24, 2009.¹ In addition, the FAA adopted a final rule for Congestion Management at John F. Kennedy International Airport and Newark Liberty International Airport that would have continued limits beyond October 2009. 73 FR 60,544 (Oct. 10, 2008). The

¹ Operating Limitations at John F. Kennedy International Airport, 73 FR 3,510 (Jan. 18, 2008); Operating Limitations at Newark Liberty International Airport, 73 FR 29,550 (May 21, 2008).

rule was stayed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit prior to the December 9, 2008, effective date. The FAA is presently reconsidering whether to go forward with the rule and is evaluating whether to propose its rescission. Accordingly, the FAA requested that the briefing schedule be held in abeyance. The court granted the FAA's request on April 1, 2009. Given the uncertainty surrounding the rule, it is likely that the orders at JFK and EWR will be extended through the Winter 2009/10 scheduling season.

The hourly capacity at JFK and EWR has not increased significantly since the orders took effect last spring. Because the demand for operations at New York-area airports remains high, and in light of the judicial stay, obtaining schedule information by the standard industry deadline and reviewing those schedules under the current procedures is the most practical way to proceed at this time.

The FAA is primarily concerned about planned passenger and cargo operations during peak hours, but carriers may submit schedule plans for the entire day. At ORD, the peak hours are between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. Central Standard Time (1300-0300 UTC) and at EWR and JFK between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (1100-0400 UTC). Carriers should submit schedule information in sufficient detail including, at minimum, the operating carrier, flight number, scheduled time of operation, frequency, and effective dates. IATA standard schedule information format and data elements (Standard Schedules Information Manual) may be used.

The U.S. winter scheduling season is from October 25, 2009, through March 27, 2010, in recognition of the IATA scheduling season dates. The FAA understands there may be differences in schedule times due to the U.S. daylight saving time dates, and we will accommodate these differences to the extent that it is possible.

DATES: Schedules must be submitted no later than May 14, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Schedules may be submitted by mail to the Slot Administration Office, AGC-240, Office of the Chief Counsel, 800 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20591; facsimile: 202-267-7277; ARINC: DCAYAXD; or by e-mail to: 7-AWA-slotadmin@faa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone number: 202-267-8323; fax number: 202-267-7971; e-mail: james.tegtmeier@faa.gov.

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Rebecca B. Macpherson,

Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service**

Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC); Nominations

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requests applications of individuals to be considered for selection as Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC) members. Applications will be accepted for current vacancies and should describe and document the applicant's qualifications for membership. IRSAC is comprised of up to thirty-five (35) appointed members; approximately eight of these appointments will expire in December 2009. It is important that the IRSAC continue to represent a diverse taxpayer and stakeholder base. Accordingly, to maintain membership diversity, selection is based on the applicant's qualifications as well as areas of expertise. The Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC) provides an organized public forum for IRS officials and representatives of the public to discuss relevant tax administration issues. The council advises the IRS on issues that have a substantive effect on federal tax administration. As an advisory body designed to focus on broad policy matters, the IRSAC reviews existing tax policy and/or recommends policies with respect to emerging tax administration issues. The IRSAC suggests operational improvements, offers constructive observations regarding current or proposed IRS policies, programs, and procedures, and advises the IRS with respect to issues having substantive effect on Federal tax administration.

DATES: Written applications must be postmarked or faxed on or before June 16, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be sent to National Public Liaison, CL:NPL:P, Room 7559 IR, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224,