The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will hold an informational meeting to discuss the content and comments received regarding proposed advisory circular (AC) 20–42D, Hand Fire Extinguishers for use in Aircraft.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA asked the International Aircraft Systems Fire Protection Working Group (IASFPWG) to draft a revision to the current AC 20–42C, issued on March 1984, by incorporating updated guidance for the fire-fighting effectiveness, selection, location, mounting and safe-use of hand fire extinguishers in aircraft. The proposed AC also identifies three FAA approved replacement agents for Halon 1211 and establishes an FAA approved minimum performance standard (MPS) for halon replacement agents which includes a hidden fire test and a seat fire/toxicity test. We also recommend that users of halon extinguishers transition to using these new halocarbon clean replacement agents in hand-held fire extinguishers. The AC also explains how to gain qualified (U.S.-flag) launch barges as well.

**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).

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Federal Aviation Administration

**Public Meeting With Interested Persons To Discuss the Proposed AC 20–42D, Hand Fire Extinguishers for Use in Aircraft**

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**Background:** Beginning in 2006, the FAA asked the International Aircraft Systems Fire Protection Working Group (IASFPWG) to draft a revision to the current AC 20–42C, issued on March 1984, by incorporating updated guidance for the fire-fighting effectiveness, selection, location, mounting and safe-use of hand fire extinguishers in aircraft. The proposed AC also identifies three FAA approved replacement agents for Halon 1211 and establishes an FAA approved minimum performance standard (MPS) for halon replacement agents which includes a hidden fire test and a seat fire/toxicity test. We also recommend that users of halon extinguishers transition to using these new halocarbon clean replacement agents in hand-held fire extinguishers. The AC also explains how to gain certification for halocarbon clean agent extinguishers intended to replace Halon 1211 hand-held extinguishers.

**Meeting Dates and Locations:** The meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of May 19 and the morning of May 20, 2010 in London, England, and is open to all interested persons.

If you plan to attend the meeting, please notify us via the following e-mail address: April.CTR.horner@faa.gov before March 31, 2010. Specific information pertaining to the meeting locations and times will be forwarded to those who respond to the above e-mail address.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on May 19–20, 2010, in London, England.

**ADDRESSES:** The address for the specific meeting will be provided at a later date to those individuals planning to attend.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket ID. FMCSA–2009–0322]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Diabetes

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

ACTION: Notice of applications for exemptions from the diabetes standard; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces receipt of applications from 53 individuals for exemptions from the prohibition against operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. If granted, the exemptions would enable these individuals with insulin-treated diabetes mellitus (ITDM) operating commercial motor vehicles to drive CMVs in interstate commerce.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 21, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket ID FMCSA–2009–0322 using any of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

• Mail: Docket Management Facility; Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001.

• Hand Delivery: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

• Fax: 1–202–493–2251.

Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket ID for this Notice. Note that DOT posts all comments received without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information included in a comment. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to http://www.regulations.gov at any time or Room W12–140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The FDMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. If you want acknowledgment that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments on-line.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Mary D. Gennels, 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:

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 53 individuals listed in this notice have recently requested an exemption from the diabetes prohibition in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce. Accordingly, the Agency will evaluate the qualifications of each applicant to determine whether granting the exemption will achieve the required level of safety mandated by the statutes.

Qualifications of Applicants

Deanna R. Alvarado

Ms. Alvarado, age 48, has had ITDM since 2002. Her endocrinologist examined her in 2009 and certified that she has had no hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 5 years; understands diabetes management and monitoring; and has stable control of her diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Ms. Alvarado meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). Her ophthalmologist examined her in 2009 and certified that she does not have diabetic retinopathy. She holds a Class B Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) from Arizona.

Howard H. Armstrong

Mr. Armstrong, age 45, has had ITDM since 1969. His endocrinologist examined him in 2009 and certified that he has had no hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 5 years; understands diabetes management and monitoring; and has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Armstrong meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His ophthalmologist examined him in 2009 and certified that he has stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy. He holds a Class C operator’s license from California.

Samuel D. Bentle

Mr. Bentle, age 56, has had ITDM since 2008. His endocrinologist examined him in 2009 and certified that he has had no hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning in the past 5 years; understands diabetes management and monitoring; and has stable control of his diabetes using insulin, and is able to drive a CMV safely. Mr. Bentle meets the requirements of the vision standard at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). His optometrist examined him in 2009 and certified that he does not have diabetic retinopathy. He holds a chauffeur’s license from Indiana.