DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Approval of Noise Compatibility Program for Chicago Executive Airport, Prospect Heights and Wheeling, IL

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its findings on the noise compatibility program (NCP) submitted by the Chicago Executive Airport Board of Directors for Chicago Executive Airport under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47501 et seq. (the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act, herein referred to as “the Act”) and 14 CFR part 150. On March 1, 2010, the FAA determined that the noise exposure maps submitted by Chicago Executive Airport Board of Directors for Chicago Executive Airport were in compliance with applicable requirements. On September 30, 2010, the FAA approved the Chicago Executive Airport noise compatibility program. Twenty-one of the twenty-seven recommendations of the program were approved.

DATES: Effective Date: The effective date of the FAA’s approval of the Chicago Executive Airport noise compatibility program is September 30, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Hanson, Environmental Protection Specialist, CHI–603, Federal Aviation Administration, Chicago Airport District Office, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, IL 60018. Telephone number: 847–294–7354. Documents reflecting this FAA action may also be reviewed at OEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423–0001) or by calling OEA, at (202) 245–0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339. Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

PROGRAM MEASURES:

b. Program measures are reasonably consistent with achieving the goals of reducing existing non-compatible land uses around the airport and preventing the introduction of additional non-compatible land uses;

c. Program measures would not create an undue burden on interstate or foreign commerce, unjustly discriminate against types or classes of aeronautical uses, violate the terms of airport grants agreements, or intrude into areas preempted by the Federal Government;

d. Program measures relating to the use of flight procedures can be implemented within the period covered by the program without derogating safety, adversely affecting the efficient use of navigable airspace and air traffic control systems, or adversely affecting other powers and responsibilities of the Administrator prescribed by law.

The submitted program included twenty-seven proposed actions for noise mitigation on and off the airport, as applicable. The FAA completed its review and determined that the procedural and substantive requirements of the Act and FAR Part 150 have been satisfied.

On October 1, 2010, the FAA approved the Chicago Executive Airport noise compatibility program. Twenty-one of the twenty-seven recommendations of the program were approved.
Specific limitations with respect to FAA’s approval of an airport noise compatibility program are delineated in FAR Part 150, section 150.5. Approval is not a determination concerning the acceptability of land uses under Federal, State, or local law. Approval does not constitute an FAA implementing action. A request for Federal action or approval to implement specific noise compatibility measures may be required, and an FAA decision on the request may require an environmental assessment of the proposed action. Approval does not constitute a commitment by the FAA to financially assist in the implementation of the program nor a determination that all measures covered by the program are eligible for grant-in-aid funding from the FAA. Where Federal funding is sought, requests for project grants must be submitted to the FAA Chicago Airports District Office. These determinations are set forth in detail in a Record of Approval signed by Susan Schalk on October 1, 2010. The Record of Approval, as well as other evaluation materials and the documents comprising the submittal, are available for review at the FAA office listed above and at the administrative offices of the Chicago Executive Airport. The Record of Approval also will be available online at: http://www.faa.gov/airports/environmental/airport_noise/part_150/states/.

Issued in Des Plaines, IL, October 6, 2010.

James G. Keefer,
Manager, Chicago Airports District Office.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Highway Administration

Buy America Waiver Notification

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information regarding the FHWA’s finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate for the use of non-domestic Steel Pipe; A53 Grade B, 26” OD, 0.375” wall for construction of a Recovery Act project on SR 60, Section A40, in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

DATES: The effective date of the waiver is October 20, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this notice, please contact Mr. Gerald Yakovenko, FHWA Office of Program Administration, (202) 366–1562, or via e-mail at gerald.yakovenko@dot.gov. For legal questions, please contact Mr. Michael Harkins, FHWA Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366–4928, or via e-mail at michael.harkins@dot.gov. Office hours for the FHWA are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., est., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access


Background

The FHWA’s Buy America policy in 23 CFR 635.410 requires a domestic manufacturing process for any steel or iron products (including protective coatings) that are permanently incorporated in a Federal-aid construction project. The regulation also provides for a waiver of the Buy America requirements when the application would be inconsistent with the public interest or when satisfactory quality domestic steel and iron products are not sufficiently available. This notice provides information regarding the FHWA’s finding that a Buy America waiver is appropriate to use non-domestic Steel Pipe; A53 Grade B, 26” OD, 0.375” wall for a portion of sign support structure No. S–28760 proposed for Recovery Act project on SR 60 in Allegheny County, PA.

In accordance with Division A, section 123 of the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010” (Pub. L. 111–117), the FHWA published a notice of intent to issue a waiver on its Web site Steel Pipe; A53 Grade B, 26” OD, 0.375” wall (http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/contracts/waivers.cfm?id=51) on July 16th. The FHWA received five comments in response to the publication. The five comments suggested different domestic manufacturers of Steel Pipe; A53 Grade B and opposed the approval of the waiver request. The PennDOT contacted the potential domestic manufactures Berg Steel Corporation, McJunkin Red Man Corporation, and Trinity Prod. Berg Steel corporation stated that they do not have inventory in the pipe size requested. McJunkin Red Man Corporation responded that their pipe size is only 24” OD and not up to 26” OD. Trinity Prod. indicated that it can make the pipe size up to 26” OD, but the required quantity is less than 600 tons which is not sufficient to establish a production run. During the 15-day comment period, the FHWA conducted an electronic copy of this document may be downloaded from the Federal Register’s home page at: http://www.archives.gov and the Government Printing Office’s database at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara. Additional nationwide review to locate potential domestic manufacturers for a Steel Pipe; A53 Grade B, 26” OD, 0.375” wall. Based on all the information available to the agency, the FHWA concludes that there are no domestic manufacturers of Steel Pipe; A53 Grade B, 26” OD, 0.375” wall. Given the lack of current availability for domestic steel for this particular application, the FHWA has discussed the need for PennDOT to consider alternate designs using domestic steel on future Federal-aid projects.

In accordance with the provisions of section 117 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users Technical Corrections Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110–244, 122 Stat. 1572), the FHWA is providing this notice as its finding that a waiver of Buy America requirements is appropriate. The FHWA invites public comment on this finding for an additional 15 days following the effective date of the finding. Comments may be submitted to the FHWA’s Web site via the link provided to the Pennsylvania waiver page noted above.


Issued on: October 7, 2010.

Víctor M. Mendez,
Federal Highway Administrator.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[FMCSA Docket No. FMCSA–2010–0247]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Diabetes Mellitus

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

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to exempt thirty-five individuals from its rule prohibiting persons with insulin-treated diabetes mellitus (ITDM) from operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. The exemptions will enable these individuals to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

DATES: The exemptions are effective October 19, 2010. The exemptions expire on October 19, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Mary D. Gunnels, Director, Medical Programs, (202) 366–4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, Room W64–224, Department of