to the employer for retention in the driver’s qualification file and retains a copy of the certification on his/her person while driving for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official. Each exemption will be valid for two years unless rescinded earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be rescinded if: (1) The person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was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(e) and 31315.

Basis for Renewing Exemptions

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1), an exemption may be granted for no longer than two years from its approval date and may be renewed upon application for additional two years periods. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, each of the 12 applicants has satisfied the entry conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirements (64 FR 27027; 64 FR 51568; 64 FR 68195; 65 FR 20251; 67 FR 15662; 67 FR 37907; 67 FR 38311; 68 FR 10302; 68 FR 19596; 69 FR 17263; 69 FR 26921; 69 FR 31447; 70 FR 74103; 71 FR 14566; 71 FR 14568; 71 FR 27033; 71 FR 27034; 71 FR 30227; 71 FR 30228; 71 FR 32184; 71 FR 41311; 71 FR 43557; 73 FR 27014; 73 FR 28187; 73 FR 36955; 73 FR 42403; 74 FR 37299; 74 FR 48344; 75 FR 25918; 75 FR 25919; 75 FR 36778; 75 FR 36779; 75 FR 39729; 75 FR 38602). Each of these 12 applicants has requested renewal of the exemption and has submitted evidence showing that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the requirement specified at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) and that the vision impairment is stable. In addition, a review of each record of safety while driving with the respective vision deficiencies over the past two years indicates each applicant continues to meet the vision exemption requirements. These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver’s ability to continue to drive safely in interstate commerce. Therefore, FMCSA concludes that extending the exemption for each renewal applicant for a period of two years is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

Request for Comments

FMCSA will review comments received at any time concerning a particular record and determine if the continuation of the exemption is consistent with the requirements at 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315. However, FMCSA requests that interested parties with specific data concerning the safety records of these drivers submit comments by August 10, 2012.

FMCSA believes that the requirements for a renewal of an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 can be satisfied by initially granting the renewal and then requesting and evaluating, if needed, subsequent comments submitted by interested parties. As indicated above, the Agency previously published notices of final disposition announcing its decision to exempt these 12 individuals from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). The final decision to grant an exemption to each of these individuals was made on the merits of each case and made only after careful consideration of the comments received to its notices of applications. The notices of applications stated in detail the qualifications, experience, and medical condition of each applicant for an exemption from the vision requirements. That information is available by consulting the above cited Federal Register publications.

Interested parties or organizations possessing information that would otherwise show that any, or all, of these drivers are not currently achieving the statutory level of safety should immediately notify FMCSA. The Agency will evaluate any adverse evidence submitted and, if safety is being compromised or if continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption of a driver.

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Larry W. Minor,
Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2006–26367]

Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee (MCSAC): Membership Solicitation

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

ACTION: Request for Applications and Nominations to the Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee (MCSAC).
SUMMARY: FMCSA solicits applications and nominations for interested persons to serve on the MCSAC. The MCSAC is composed of FMCSA stakeholders from the safety enforcement, industry, labor, and safety sectors and is charged with providing advice and recommendations to the FMCSA Administrator on Federal motor carrier safety programs. As part of this solicitation, current members with terms expiring in 2012 will be able to indicate their interest in being reappointed for another term.

DATES: Applications/nominations for the MCSAC and letters of interest in reappointment must be received electronically on or before August 10, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Shannon L. Watson, Senior Advisor to the Associate Administrator for Policy, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 385–2395, mcsac@dot.gov.

Additionally, should you wish to review tasks that the MCSAC has considered and learn more about the committee and its membership, please go to http://mcsac.fmcsa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

MCSAC

Section 4144 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA–LU, Pub. L. 109–59, 119 Stat. 1144, August 10, 2005) required the Secretary of Transportation to establish the MCSAC. The MCSAC provides advice and recommendations to the FMCSA Administrator on motor carrier safety programs and regulations, and operates in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA, 5 U.S.C. App. 2).

The committee may be comprised of not more than 20 members appointed by the Administrator for up to 2-year terms. Members are selected from among individuals who are not employees of FMCSA and who are specially qualified to serve on the Committee based on their education, training, or experience. Currently, the members include representatives of the motor carrier industry, safety advocates, labor, and safety enforcement communities. Representatives of a single enumerated interest group may not constitute a majority of the committee members. Committee members must not be officers or employees of the Federal Government and serve without pay. The Administrator may allow a member, when attending meetings of the committee or a subcommittee, reimbursement of expenses authorized under Section 5703 of Title 5, United States Code and the Federal Travel Regulation System (41 CFR Subtitle F), relating to per diem, travel, and transportation.

The President’s Memorandum of June 18, 2010, concerning lobbyists on Agency boards and commissions (75 FR 35995, June 23, 2010) directed the heads of Executive departments and agencies “not to make any new appointments or reappointments of federally registered lobbyists to advisory committees and other boards and commissions.” Pursuant to the President’s directive, FMCSA will not consider for appointment to the MCSAC any individual who is subject to the registration and reporting requirements of the Lobbying Disclosure Act (2 U.S.C. 1605).

The Designated Federal Official anticipates calling MCSAC meetings approximately three times each year. Meetings are open to the general public, except as provided under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. 2). Notice of each meeting is published in the Federal Register at least 15 calendar days prior to the date of the meeting.

II. Request for Nominations

The FMCSA seeks applications and nominations for membership to the MCSAC from among its stakeholder groups for representatives with specialized experience, education, or training in commercial motor vehicle safety issues. The Agency is required under FACA to appoint members of diverse views and interests to ensure the committee is balanced with appropriate consideration of background. All Committee members must be able to attend at least three meetings each year in person or by teleconference. Interested persons should have a commitment to transportation safety, and a record of collaboration and professional experience in commercial motor vehicle safety issues. As part of this solicitation, current members with expiring terms will be able to indicate their interest in being reappointed for another term.

On-line applications will be accepted for positions on the MCSAC. Applications may be obtained from the MCSAC Web site at http://mcsac.fmcsa.dot.gov/, completed online and emailed to Shannon L. Watson, Senior Advisor to the Associate Administrator for Policy, FMCSA, at mcsac@dot.gov. The Web site contains additional information on the MCSAC, including reports, meeting minutes, and membership information.

Applications/nominations and letters of interest in reappointment must be received on or before August 10, 2012.

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Anne S. Ferro,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

[Case ID: SOM–1066]

Additional Designation of Persons Whose Property and Interests in Property Are Blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010, “Blocking Property of Certain Persons Contributing to the Conflict in Somalia”

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Treasury Department’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”) is publishing the names of 6 individuals whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010, “Blocking Property of Certain Persons Contributing to the Conflict in Somalia.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Assistant Director, Compliance Outreach & Implementation, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW. (Treasury Annex), Washington, DC 20220, Tel.: 202/622–2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic and Facsimile Availability

The List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (“SDN List”) and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC’s Web site (www.treas.gov/ofac). Certain general information pertaining to OFAC’s sanctions programs also is available via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on-demand service, tel.: 202/622–0077.

Background

On April 12, 2010, the President issued the Executive Order “Blocking Property of Certain Persons Contributing to the Conflict in Somalia” (the “Order”) pursuant to, inter alia, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701–06). In the