

Act (Pub. L. 112-43; 19 U.S.C. 3805 note), Presidential Proclamation No. 8894 of October 29, 2012 (77 FR 66505) implemented the Panama TPA on behalf of the United States and modified the HTS to reflect the tariff treatment provided for in the Panama TPA.

Note 35(a) to subchapter XXII of HTS chapter 98 provides that USTR is required to publish annually in the **Federal Register** a determination of the amount of Panama's trade surplus, by volume, with all sources for goods in HS subheadings 1701.12, 1701.13, 1701.14, 1701.91, 1701.99, 1702.40 and 1702.60, except that Panama's imports of U.S. goods classified under subheadings 1702.40 and 1702.60 that are originating goods under the Panama TPA and Panama's exports to the United States of goods classified under subheadings 1701.12, 1701.13, 1701.14, 1701.91 and 1701.99 are not included in the calculation of Panama's trade surplus.

Note 35(c) to subchapter XXII of HTS chapter 98 provides duty-free treatment for certain sugar goods of Panama entered under subheading 9822.09.17 in an amount equal to the lesser of Panama's trade surplus or the specific quantity set out in that note for that calendar year.

During CY 2011, the most recent year for which data is available, Panama's imports of the sugar and syrup goods and sugar-containing products described above exceeded its exports of those goods by 531 metric tons according to data published by National Institute of Statistics and Census, Office of the General Comptroller of Panama. Based on this data, USTR determines that Panama's trade surplus is negative. Therefore, in accordance with U.S. Note 35(c) to subchapter XXII of HTS chapter 98, goods of Panama are not eligible to enter the United States duty-free under subheading 9822.09.17.

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*Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### **Guidance on Review and Approval of Public Charter Prospectuses: Extension of Effective Date to January 14, 2013**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Guidance on Review and Approval of Public Charter

Prospectuses: Extension of Effective Date to January 14, 2013.

**SUMMARY:** The Department is publishing the following notice extending the effective date of a prior notice, dated November 13, 2012, on policies affecting the review and approval of public charter filings under 14 CFR part 380.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nicholas Lowry, Attorney, Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings (C-70), 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-9349.

#### **Guidance on Review and Approval of Public Charter Prospectuses: Extension of Effective Date to January 14, 2013**

On November 13, 2012, the Department of Transportation's Office of International Aviation and the Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings issued a notice providing guidance on the review and approval of public charter prospectuses. 77 FR 69692 (2012). The notice was to have taken effect on December 12, 2012. By this addendum, we are deferring the implementation date until January 14, 2013.

The notice was issued in light of the bankruptcy of Southern Sky Air & Tours, LLC d/b/a Direct Air. Our investigation of Direct Air revealed non-compliance with a number of existing regulatory requirements designed to protect consumers. Based on the Direct Air experience, we determined that by clarifying certain elements of our public charter regulations (14 CFR Part 380) we could promote more effective compliance with those regulations and thereby enhance consumer protection.

We have received a number of comments and questions from members of the public regarding the November notice. While we are firmly committed to enhancing consumer protection and preventing a recurrence of the type of problems encountered in the Direct Air situation, we want to be sure that interested parties with questions or comments about the notice have been afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard, and that we have had the opportunity to consider their views fully. Therefore, we have decided to defer the effective date of our notice for 30 days, until January 14, 2013.

Questions and comments regarding our November notice may be addressed to the Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings (C-70), U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

*An electronic version of this document is available at <http://www.regulations.gov>.*

Dated: December 11, 2012.

**Paul L. Gretch,**

*Director, Office of International Aviation.*

**Samuel Podberesky,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration

#### **Notice To Rescind a Notice of Intent and Draft Environmental Impact Statement: I-10 Corridor Improvement Study; Maricopa County, AZ**

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice to rescind a Notice of Intent and Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that we are rescinding the Notice of Intent (NOI) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for proposed freeway improvements along Interstate 10 (I-10) from State Route (SR) 51 to the Santan Freeway within Maricopa County, Arizona. A NOI to prepare an EIS for the I-10 Corridor Improvement Study was published in the **Federal Register** on February 4, 2002, with a subsequent correction to the project limits published in the **Federal Register** on May 14, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Alan Hansen, Major Projects Manager, Federal Highway Administration, 4000 North Central Avenue, Suite 1500, Phoenix, AZ 85012-3500, Telephone: (602) 382-8964, Email: [alan.hansen@dot.gov](mailto:alan.hansen@dot.gov).

The FHWA Arizona Division Office's normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Mountain Standard Time).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 4, 2002, the FHWA, in cooperation with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), issued an NOI to prepare an EIS for proposed freeway improvements along I-10 from SR 51 to the Santan Freeway in Maricopa County, Arizona. The I-10 Corridor is in or adjacent to the cities of Phoenix, Tempe, and Chandler, as well as the Town of Guadalupe.

In May 2002, the FHWA issued a revised NOI to correct the project limits. The study area limits for the EIS consisted of approximately 15 miles of I-10 and segments of I-17, SR 143, and US Highway (US) 60. The study area primarily extended south along I-10 from the I-10/SR51/SR202L System

Interchange to the I-10/SR202L Santan Freeway System Interchange. The study area also included the segment of I-17 from the I-10/I-17 System Interchange west to 9th Avenue, SR 143 from Broadway Road north to the south bank of the Salt River, and US 60 from the I-10/US60 System Interchange east to Hardy Drive.

A No-Build Alternative and Build Alternative were being considered in the EIS for the Design Year 2030. The No-Build Alternative served as the baseline for the analysis conducted under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The proposed Build Alternative involved a combination of freeway widening and the construction of separate express and local lanes along I-10.

The construction of separate express and local lanes on I-10 between Buckeye and Baseline Roads is included in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) adopted by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Council. However, MAG is considering modifications to some of the transportation improvements that are presently programmed in the RTP and TIP, including the express and local lanes on I-10 between Buckeye and Baseline Roads. As such, the preparation of the EIS for the I-10 Corridor Improvement Study is being terminated. Any future transportation improvements in the I-10 Corridor will be determined through the funding and project reprioritization by MAG, and any future actions will progress under a separate environmental review process, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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**Karla S. Petty,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-1999-6156; FMCSA-2000-7006; FMCSA-2000-7363; FMCSA-2002-12294; FMCSA-2004-18885; FMCSA-2008-0231; FMCSA-2008-0266; 2010-0114]

#### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of exemptions; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew the exemptions from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 11 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 exemption renewals will provide a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

**DATES:** This decision is effective January 3, 2013. Comments must be received on or before January 16, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) numbers: Docket No. [FMCSA-1999-6156; FMCSA-2000-7006; FMCSA-2000-7363; FMCSA-2002-12294; FMCSA-2004-18885; FMCSA-2008-0231; FMCSA-2008-0266; 2010-0114], 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; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* 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.

*Instructions:* Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number 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 Federal Docket Management System (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.

*Privacy Act:* Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's Privacy Act Statement for the FDMS published in the **Federal Register** on January 17, 2008 (73 FR 3316), or you may visit <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-785.pdf>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elaine M. Papp, Chief, Medical Programs Division, 202-366-4001, [fmcamedical@dot.gov](mailto:fmcamedical@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 renew an exemption from the vision requirements in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce, for a 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." The procedures for requesting an exemption (including renewals) are set out in 49 CFR part 381.

##### Exemption Decision

This notice addresses 11 individuals who have requested renewal of their exemptions in accordance with FMCSA procedures. FMCSA has evaluated these 11 applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable two-year period. They are: