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*Acting Director, Office of Rulemaking.*

**Petition for Exemption**

*Docket No.:* FAA-2007-0383.

*Petitioner:* Ameriflight, LLC. Section of 14 CFR Affected: § 61.51(f)(2).

*Description of Relief Sought:*

Ameriflight, LLC seeks an amendment to the condition and limitations that would allow any flight time logged as second-in-command (SIC) flight time under Exemption No. 9770 to be used to gain an additional rating or certificate as prescribed in part 61, to include an airline transport pilot (ATP) certificate. In addition, the petitioner seeks an amendment to remove the condition and limitation that requires SIC flight time gained under this exemption to only be used for the purposes of upgrading from an SIC to PIC in part 135 operations.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

[Summary Notice No. PE-2013-26]

**Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of petition for exemption received.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before July 22, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA-2011-1029 using any of the following methods:

- *Government-wide rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.
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**Petition for Exemption**

*Docket No.:* FAA-2013-0473.

*Petitioner:* Lesly Landron.

*Section of 14 CFR Affected:*

§ 65.91(c)(5).

*Description of Relief Sought:* The petitioner seeks relief to the extent necessary to allow him to apply for inspection authorization without having held a current effective mechanic certificate, with both an airframe rating and a powerplant rating, which has been in effect for a total of at least 3 years.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[FMCSA Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0018]

**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 16 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 July 2, 2013. The exemptions expire on July 2, 2015.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Electronic Access**

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comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and/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.

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### Background

On May 6, 2013, FMCSA published a notice of receipt of Federal diabetes exemption applications from 16 individuals and requested comments from the public (78 FR 26419). The public comment period closed on June 5, 2013 and no comments were received.

FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of the 16 applicants and determined that granting the exemptions to these individuals would achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved by complying with the current regulation 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3).

### Diabetes Mellitus and Driving Experience of the Applicants

The Agency established the current requirement for diabetes in 1970 because several risk studies indicated that drivers with diabetes had a higher rate of crash involvement than the general population. The diabetes rule provides that "A person is physically qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle if that person has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of diabetes mellitus currently requiring insulin for control" [49 CFR 391.41(b)(3)].

FMCSA established its diabetes exemption program, based on the Agency's July 2000 study entitled "A Report to Congress on the Feasibility of a Program to Qualify Individuals with Insulin-Treated Diabetes Mellitus to Operate in Interstate Commerce as Directed by the Transportation Act for the 21st Century." The report concluded that a safe and practicable protocol to allow some drivers with ITDM to operate CMVs is feasible. The September 3, 2003 (68 FR 52441), **Federal Register** notice in conjunction with the November 8, 2005 (70 FR 67777), **Federal Register** notice provides

the current protocol for allowing such drivers to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

These 16 applicants have had ITDM over a range of 1 to 28 years. These applicants report no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness or seizure, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning symptoms, in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the past 5 years. In each case, an endocrinologist verified that the driver has demonstrated a willingness to properly monitor and manage his/her diabetes mellitus, received education related to diabetes management, and is on a stable insulin regimen. These drivers report no other disqualifying conditions, including diabetes-related complications. Each meets the vision requirement at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10).

The qualifications and medical condition of each applicant were stated and discussed in detail in the May 6, 2013, **Federal Register** notice and they will not be repeated in this notice.

### Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

### Basis for Exemption Determination

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption from the diabetes requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3) if the exemption is likely to achieve an equivalent or greater level of safety than would be achieved without the exemption. The exemption allows the applicants to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

To evaluate the effect of these exemptions on safety, FMCSA considered medical reports about the applicants' ITDM and vision, and reviewed the treating endocrinologists' medical opinion related to the ability of the driver to safely operate a CMV while using insulin.

Consequently, FMCSA finds that in each case exempting these applicants from the diabetes requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3) is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

### Conditions and Requirements

The terms and conditions of the exemption will be provided to the applicants in the exemption document and they include the following: (1) That each individual submit a quarterly monitoring checklist completed by the treating endocrinologist as well as an annual checklist with a comprehensive

medical evaluation; (2) that each individual reports within 2 business days of occurrence, all episodes of severe hypoglycemia, significant complications, or inability to manage diabetes; also, any involvement in an accident or any other adverse event in a CMV or personal vehicle, whether or not it is related to an episode of hypoglycemia; (3) that each individual provide a copy of the ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report to the medical examiner at the time of the annual medical examination; and (4) that each individual provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver's qualification file, or keep a copy in his/her driver's qualification file if he/she is self-employed. The driver must also have a copy of the certification when driving, for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official.

### Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the 16 exemption applications, FMCSA exempts Luis A. Alvarez (MD), Jessie W. Burnett (KS), Bradley W. Clark (UT), Rickey B. Cohen (MD), Ernest R. Copeland (PA), Ricki A. Dean (FL), Jerry L. Gruit (IA), Bruce K. Harris (TX), Marsha K. Kanable (IN), Richard J. Kirchner (MN), Michael G. Lorelli (NY), Richard B. Maurer (PA), James M. McClarnon (RI), Mario A. Ramirez, Jr. (CA), Daniel L. Smith (NE), Kurt D. Witthoef (MN) from the ITDM requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3), subject to the conditions listed under "Conditions and Requirements" above.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 each exemption will be valid for two years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if the following occurs: (1) The person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the 1/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. If the exemption is still effective at the end of the 2-year period, the person may apply to FMCSA for a renewal under procedures in effect at that time.

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