

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Office of the Secretary**

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2014-0011]

**National Freight Advisory Committee:
Notice of Public Meeting****ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) announces a public meeting of its National Freight Advisory Committee (NFAC) to discuss the freight provisions in the various surface transportation reauthorization proposals, including the GROW AMERICA Act and the MAP-21 Reauthorization Act. Meetings are open to the public and there will be an opportunity for public comment on each day.

DATES: Dates and Times: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2014, from 9:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time and Wednesday, July 16, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

Location: On Tuesday, July 15, 2014, the meeting will be held in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room G-11 from 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and the Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2167 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Wednesday, July 16, 2014, the meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Drake, Designated Federal Officer at (202) 366-1999 or freight@dot.gov or visit the NFAC Web site at www.dot.gov/nfac.

Additional Information

Background: The NFAC was established to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary on matters related to freight transportation in the United States, including (1) implementation of the freight transportation requirements of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21; Pub. L. 112-141); (2) establishment of the National Freight Network; (3) development of the Plan; (4) development of strategies to help States implement State Freight Advisory Committees and State Freight Plans; (5) development of measures of conditions and performance in freight transportation; (6) development of freight transportation investment, data, and planning tools; and (7) legislative recommendations. The NFAC operates as a discretionary committee under the authority of the DOT, established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act

(FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. See DOT's NFAC Web site for additional information about the committee's activities at www.dot.gov/nfac.

Agenda: The two day agenda will include:

- (1) Welcome and opening remarks;
- (2) Congressional remarks;
- (3) Overview of freight provisions in surface transportation reauthorization proposals;
- (4) Discussion on freight reauthorization proposals;
- (5) Public comment will occur at the end of each day.

The meeting agenda will be posted on the NFAC Web site at www.dot.gov/nfac in advance of the meeting.

Public Participation: This meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public who wish to attend in person are asked to RSVP to freight@dot.gov with your name and affiliation no later than July 7, 2014, in order to facilitate entry and guarantee seating.

Services for Individuals with Disabilities: The public meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to notify John Drake, at (202) 366-1999 or freight@dot.gov five (5) business days before the meeting.

Written comments: Persons who wish to submit written comments for consideration by the Committee must email freight@dot.gov or send them to John Drake, Designated Federal Officer, National Freight Advisory Committee, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W82-320, Washington, DC 20590 by July 7, 2014 to provide sufficient time for review. All other comments may be received at any time before or after the meeting.

Dated: June 26, 2014.

John Drake,

Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration**

[Docket No. is FAA-2014-0422]

**Notice of Decision; Gallatin County,
MT, Request for Waiver**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Decision.

SUMMARY: This document notifies the public that the Federal Aviation Administration has granted a waiver to Gallatin County, MT pursuant to 49

U.S.C. 40125(d). The waiver enables Gallatin County to contract for a public aircraft operation to conduct search and rescue operations without complying with the 90-day lease minimum required under 49 U.S.C. 40102(a)(41)(D).

ADDRESSES: You may review public docket for the waiver request and the grant (Docket No. FAA-2014-0422) at the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also review the public docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

This document is being published to inform interested parties of the agency's decision to grant the request for waiver authority from the 90-day exclusive use provision of 49 U.S.C 40102(a)(41)(D) when operating or contracting for search and rescue as public aircraft operations.

Questions regarding this grant may be directed to the General Aviation and Commercial Division (AFS-800) of the Flight Standards Service at (202) 385-9600.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 25, 2014.

Brenda D. Courtney,

Acting Director, Office of Rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Motor Carrier Safety
Administration**

[Docket No. FMCSA-2012-0032]

**Commercial Driver's License
Standards: Application for Exemption;
Daimler Trucks North America
(Daimler)**

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

ACTION: Notice of application for exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces that Daimler Trucks North America (Daimler) has requested an exemption for one commercial motor vehicle (CMV) driver from the Federal requirement to hold a commercial driver's license (CDL). Daimler requests the exemption for Dr. Wolfgang Bernhard, head of the Daimler Trucks and Bus Division, who will test drive CMVs for Daimler within the United States. Dr. Bernhard holds a valid German CDL and wants to test drive

Daimler vehicles on U.S. roads to better understand product requirements in “real world” environments, and verify results. Daimler believes the requirements for a German CDL ensure that operation under the exemption will likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level that would be obtained in the absence of the exemption.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 1, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Federal Docket Management System Number FMCSA–2012–0032 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 1–202–493–2251.
- *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., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the exemption process, see the *Public Participation* heading below. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. Please see the *Privacy Act* heading below.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to www.regulations.gov at any time and in the box labeled “SEARCH for” enter FMCSA–2012–0032 and click on the tab labeled “SEARCH.”

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 a Privacy Act notice regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008, issue of the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3316).

Public Participation: The Federal eRulemaking Portal is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. You can obtain electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines under the “help” section of the Federal eRulemaking Portal Web site. If you want us to notify you that we received

your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard, or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments online.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard Clemente, FMCSA Driver and Carrier Operations Division; Office of Carrier, Driver and Vehicle Safety Standards; Telephone: 202–366–4325. Email: MCPSD@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 to grant exemptions from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The Agency must provide the public an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including any safety analyses that have been conducted. The Agency must also provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews the safety analyses and the public comments, and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by the current regulation (49 CFR 381.305). The decision of the Agency must be published in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)) with the reason for the grant or denial, and, if granted, the specific person or class of persons receiving the exemption, and the regulatory provision or provisions from which exemption is granted. The notice must also specify the effective period of the exemption (up to 2 years), and explain the terms and conditions of the exemption. The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

Request for Exemption

Daimler has applied for an exemption for the head of its Truck and Bus Division from 49 CFR 383.23, which prescribes licensing requirements for drivers operating CMVs in interstate or intrastate commerce. Dr. Wolfgang Bernhard is unable to obtain a CDL in any of the U.S. States due to his lack of residency in the United States. A copy of the application is in Docket No. FMCSA–2012–0032.

The exemption would allow Dr. Bernhard to operate CMVs in interstate or intrastate commerce to support Daimler field tests designed to meet future vehicle safety and environmental requirements and to promote technological advancements in vehicle safety systems and emissions

reductions. Dr. Bernhard needs to drive Daimler vehicles on public roads to better understand “real world” environments in the U.S. market. According to Daimler, Dr. Bernhard will typically drive for no more than 6 hours per day for 2 consecutive days, and that 10 percent of the test driving will be on two-lane state highways, while 90 percent will be on interstate highways. The driving will consist of no more than 200 miles per day, for a total of 400 miles during a two-day period on a quarterly basis. He will in all cases be accompanied by a holder of a U.S. CDL who is familiar with the routes to be traveled.

In the May 12, 2012, **Federal Register** (77 FR 31422), FMCSA granted Daimler a similar exemption for two of its test drivers. Each individual held a valid German CDL but lacked the U.S. residency necessary to obtain a CDL. FMCSA has concluded that the process for obtaining a German CDL is comparable to or as effective as the U.S. CDL requirements and ensures that these drivers will likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level that would be obtained in the absence of the exemption.

Daimler requests that the exemption cover a two-year period. Dr. Bernhard holds a valid German CDL, and as explained by Daimler in its exemption request, the requirements for that license ensure that the same level of safety is met or exceeded as if this driver had a U.S. CDL. Furthermore, according to Daimler, Dr. Bernhard is familiar with the operation of CMVs worldwide.

FMCSA has determined that the process for obtaining a German-issued CDL is comparable to, or as effective as the Federal requirements of 49 CFR Part 383, and adequately assesses a driver’s ability to operate CMVs in the United States.

Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(4) and 31136(e), FMCSA requests public comment on Daimler’s application for an exemption from the CDL requirements of 49 CFR 383.23. The Agency will consider all comments received by close of business on August 1, 2014. Comments will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Dated: June 25, 2014.

Larry W. Minor,
Associate Administrator for Policy.

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