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Persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction engaging in import transactions involving goods produced by an independent Cuban entrepreneur pursuant to § 515.582 must obtain documentary evidence that demonstrates the entrepreneur's independent status, such as a copy of a license to be self-employed issued by the Cuban government or, in the case of an entity, evidence that demonstrates that the entrepreneur is a private entity that is not owned or controlled by the Cuban government.

This list does not supersede or excuse compliance with any additional requirements in U.S. law or regulation, including the relevant duties as set forth on the HTS.

For travelers importing authorized goods into the United States pursuant to § 515.582 as accompanied baggage, the \$400 monetary limit set forth in § 515.560(c)(3) does not apply to such goods, but goods may be subject to applicable duties, fees, and taxes.

#### Services

The authorized services pursuant to 31 CFR 515.582 are services supplied by an independent Cuban entrepreneur in Cuba, as demonstrated by documentary evidence. Persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction engaging in import transactions involving services supplied by an independent Cuban entrepreneur pursuant to § 515.582 are required to obtain documentary evidence that demonstrates the entrepreneur's independent status, such as a copy of a license to be self-employed issued by the Cuban government or, in the case of an entity, evidence that demonstrates that the entrepreneur is a private entity that is not owned or controlled by the Cuban government. Supply of services must comply with other applicable state and federal laws.

**Note 1:** All payments in settlement of transactions authorized by § 515.582 should reference this section in order to avoid having them rejected.

**Note 2:** The authorization in § 515.582 of the CACR does not supersede or excuse compliance with U.S. laws or regulations or any other additional requirements.

**Note 3:** The Department of State, in consultation with other federal agencies, reserves the right to update this document periodically. Any subsequent updates will

take effect when published on the Web page of the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs' Office of Sanctions Policy and Implementation (<http://www.state.gov/e/eb/tfs/spi>). Updates will also be published in the **Federal Register**. For further information, please contact the State Department at 202-647-7489.

**Note 4:** For provisions relating to recordkeeping and reports, see 31 CFR 501.601 and 501.602 and 19 CFR part 163.

With this notice, the Department of State is publishing a copy of its February 13, 2015, § 515.582 List in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 16, 2015.

**Charles H. Rivkin,**

*Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9109]

### 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Risk Analysis and Management (RAM) OMB Control Number 1405-0204

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 30 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

**DATES:** The Department will accept comments from the public up to May 26, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct comments to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). You may submit comments by the following methods:

- *Email:* [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and the OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- *Fax:* 202-395-5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct requests for additional

information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Lisa M. Farrell, US Department of State, Office of Risk Analysis and Management, 2201 C St. NW., Washington, DC 20520, who may be reached on 202-647-6020 or at [FARRELLM1@state.gov](mailto:FARRELLM1@state.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Risk Analysis and Management.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0204.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* A/LM.
- *Form Number:* DS-4184.
- *Respondents:* Potential Contractors and Grantees.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 800.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 800.
- *Average Time Per Response:* 75 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 1000 hours.
- *Frequency:* On occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

#### Abstract of Proposed Collection

The information collected from individuals and organizations is specifically used to conduct screening to ensure that State funded activities do not provide support to entities or individuals deemed to be a risk to national security.

#### Methodology

The State Department has implemented a Risk Analysis and Management Program to vet potential

contractors and grantees seeking funding from the Department of State to mitigate the risk that such funds might benefit entities or individuals who present a national security risk. To conduct this vetting program the Department collects information from contractors, subcontractors, grantees and sub-grantees regarding their directors, officers and/or key employees through mail, fax or electronic submission. The information collected is compared to information gathered from commercial, public, and U.S. government databases to determine the risk that the applying organization, entity or individual might use Department funds or programs in a way that presents a threat to national security. This program will continue as a pilot program consistent with the Department of State, Foreign Operation, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2015 (Div. J, Pub. L. 113–235).

Dated: April 16, 2015.

**Catherine I. Ebert-Gray,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2013–0126]

#### Qualification of Drivers; Application for Exemptions; Hearing

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final disposition.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to grant requests from 4 individuals for exemptions from the Agency's physical qualifications standard concerning hearing for interstate drivers. The current regulation prohibits hearing impaired individuals from operating CMVs in interstate commerce. After notice and opportunity for public comment, the Agency concluded that granting exemptions for these drivers to operate property-carrying CMVs will provide a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level of safety maintained without the exemptions. The exemptions are valid for a 2-year period and may be renewed, and the exemptions preempt State laws and regulations.

**DATES:** The exemptions are effective April 23, 2015. The exemptions expire on April 24, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles A. Horan, III, Director, Office of Carrier, Driver and Vehicle Safety, (202) 366–4001, [fmcsamedical@dot.gov](mailto:fmcsamedical@dot.gov), FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W64–224, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Electronic Access

You may see all the comments online through the Federal Document Management System (FDMS) at: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to [www.regulations.gov](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., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Privacy Act:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at [www.dot.gov/privacy](http://www.dot.gov/privacy).

##### B. Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption from the safety regulations for a 2-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 statute also allows the Agency to renew exemptions at the end of the 2-year period. The current provisions of the FMCSRs concerning hearing state that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person:

First perceives a forced whispered voice in the better ear at not less than 5 feet with or without the use of a hearing aid or, if tested by use of an audiometric device, does not have an average hearing loss in the better ear greater than 40 decibels at 500 Hz, 1,000 Hz, and 2,000 Hz with or without a hearing aid when the audiometric device is calibrated to American National Standard (formerly ASA Standard) Z24.5–1951.

49 CFR 391.41(b)(11). This standard was adopted in 1970, with a revision in 1971 to allow drivers to be qualified under this standard while wearing a hearing aid, 35 FR 6458, 6463 (April 22, 1970) and 36 FR 12857 (July 3, 1971).

FMCSA grants 4 individuals an exemption from § 391.41(b)(11) concerning hearing to enable them to

operate property-carrying CMVs in interstate commerce for a 2-year period. The Agency's decision on these exemption applications is based on the current medical literature and information and the “Executive Summary on Hearing, Vestibular Function and Commercial Motor Driving Safety” (the 2008 Evidence Report) presented to FMCSA on August 26, 2008. The evidence report reached two conclusions regarding the matter of hearing loss and CMV driver safety: (1) No studies that examined the relationship between hearing loss and crash risk exclusively among CMV drivers were identified; and (2) evidence from studies of the private driver license holder population does not support the contention that individuals with hearing impairment are at an increased risk for a crash. In addition, the Agency reviewed each applicant's driving record found in the CDLIS,<sup>1</sup> for CDL holders, and inspections recorded in MCMIS.<sup>2</sup> For non-CDL holders, the Agency reviewed the driving records from the State licensing agency. Each applicant's record demonstrated a safe driving history. The Agency believes the drivers covered by the exemptions do not pose a risk to public safety.

##### C. Comments

On April 2, 2014, FMCSA published a notice of receipt of exemption applications and requested public comment on 4 individuals. The comment period ended on May 2, 2014. In response to the notice, FMCSA received two comments, one from Deb Letney and a late submission received May 5, from Kristine Thatcher.

Deb Letney acknowledges that crash data does not support an increased crash risk for hearing impaired drivers and that Oregon allows hearing impaired drivers to operate in intrastate commerce. However, she expresses concerns for “the driver's ability to recognize activation of warning devices and to communicate with law enforcement or emergency workers.” She recommends granting conditional exemptions requiring visual warning indicators and alternate forms of communication.

<sup>1</sup> *Commercial Driver License Information System* (CDLIS) is an information system that allows the exchange of commercial driver licensing information among all the States. CDLIS includes the databases of 51 licensing jurisdictions and the CDLIS Central Site, all connected by a telecommunications network.

<sup>2</sup> *Motor Carrier Management Information System* (MCMIS) is an information system that captures data from field offices through SAFETYNET, CAPRI, and other sources. It is a source for FMCSA inspection, crash, compliance review, safety audit, and registration data.