DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Thirty-Fourth Meeting Notice of Special Committee 224

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Thirty-Fourth Meeting Notice of Special Committee 224.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of the thirty-fourth meeting of the Special Committee 224.

DATES: The meeting will be held August 6th from 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at RTCA Headquarters, 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036, Tel: (202) 330–0654.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., App.), notice is hereby given for a meeting of the Special Committee 224. The agenda will include the following:

Thursday, August 6, 2015

1. Welcome/Introductions/ Administrative Remarks
2. Review/Approve Previous Meeting Summary
3. Report from the TSA
4. Report on Safe Skies on Document Distribution
5. Review of the Credentialing Section
6. Review of Other DO–230 “G” Program Sections
7. Action Items for Next Meeting
8. Time and Place of Next Meeting
9. Any Other Business
10. Adjourn

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability.

With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Hours of Service (HOS) of Drivers: Applications for Exemption From the 14-Hour Rule

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

ACTION: Notice of final dispositions; denial of applications for exemption.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its denial of the applications of the American Moving & Storage Association (AMSA) and the International Association of Movers (IAM) for an exemption that would allow a driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) after the 14th hour of their duty since coming on duty. AMSA and IAM are engaged in the movement of household goods by CMV. They requested the exemption for their CMV driver from driving a property-owning CMV after the 14th hour to 75 miles or 90 minutes.

FMCSA concluded that AMSA and IAM did not demonstrate how CMV operations under such an exemption would be likely to achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level of safety that would be obtained in the absence of the exemption.

DATES: FMCSA denied the applications for exemption by letters dated April 16 (IAM) and June 8 (AMSA).

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 to grant exemptions from certain parts of 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 safety analyses and public comments submitted, 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 reasons for denying or granting the application and, if granted, the name of the person or class of persons receiving the exemption, and the regulatory provision from which the exemption is granted. The notice must also specify the effective period and explain the terms and conditions of the exemption. The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

Application for Exemption

AMSA and IAM are trade associations representing entities engaged in the movement of household goods by CMV. By separate applications, they sought exemption from the “14-hour rule” in 49 CFR 395.3(a)(2), which prohibits a CMV driver from driving a property-carrying CMV after the 14th hour after coming on duty following 10 consecutive hours off duty. They proposed that the exemption be used solely by drivers who need to drive a moving van from a customer’s residence to a safe place for overnight parking after the 14th hour of their duty day has elapsed. AMSA and IAM stated that unexpected delays during the day result in this predicament. They further stated that movement of CMVs from residential areas to overnight parking eliminates the safety hazard created when vans are parked in residential neighborhoods, and ensures the security of household goods in the moving vans. AMSA and IAM proposed that the exemption limit CMV driving after the 14th hour to 75 miles or 90 minutes.

Public Comments

On September 9, 2014, FMCSA published notice of the AMSA application and asked for public