

action. The interagency Section 301 Committee held a public hearing on February 15 and 16, 2017, and received public comments in connection with the request.

Following the initiation of this proceeding, the United States entered into negotiations with the EU to address U.S. concerns with the operation of the HQB TRQ. The negotiations concluded successfully, with an agreement to allocate most of the HQB TRQ to the United States. On August 2, 2019, the EU and United States signed the *Agreement on the Allocation to the United States of a Share in the Tariff Rate Quota for High Quality Beef Referred to in the Revised MOU Regarding the Importation of Beef from Animals Not Treated with Certain Grown-promoting Hormones and Increased Duties Applied by the United States to Certain Products of the European Union*. Pursuant to this agreement, the EU will allocate to the United States 35,000 metric tons of the 45,000 metric tons HQB TRQ established under the 2009 U.S.-EU Beef MOU. The agreement is scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2020.

#### B. Determination Not To Reinstate Action

In light of the successful negotiation to allocate the HQB TRQ established by the 2009 U.S.-EU Beef MOU, the U.S. Trade Representative has decided to conclude this proceeding under Section 306(c) of the Trade Act with a determination not to reinstate action, effective January 1, 2020. This determination has been made in consultation with the U.S. beef industry, and in accordance with the advice of the interagency Section 301 committee.

The United States continues to have an authorization to suspend concessions in connection with the dispute *EC-Measures Concerning Meat and Meat Products*. The U.S. Trade Representative will continue to monitor EU implementation of the MOU and other developments affecting market access for U.S. beef products. If implementation of the MOU and other developments do not proceed as contemplated, the Trade Representative may consider additional actions under Section 301 of the Trade Act.

#### Joseph Barloon,

General Counsel, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2019-0278]

#### Hours of Service of Drivers: Application for Exemption; Harris Companies, Inc. (Harris)

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

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

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces that Harris Companies, Inc. (Harris) has requested an exemption from the electronic logging devices (ELDs) rule for all its employees who are required to prepare records of duty status (RÖDS). This includes elevator technicians, electricians, other general laborers, and welders that operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. FMCSA requests public comment on Harris' application for exemption. A copy of Harris' application for exemption is available for review in the docket for this notice.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 13, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Number FMCSA-2019-0278 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). See the *Public Participation and Request for Comments* section below for further information.
- *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., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

• Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number for this notice. Note that DOT posts all comments received without change to [www.regulations.gov](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 [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) at any time or visit 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., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal

holidays. The on-line FDMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year.

*Privacy Act:* In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its exemptions 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).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Richard Clemente, FMCSA Driver and Carrier Operations Division; Office of Carrier, Driver and Vehicle Safety Standards; Telephone: (202) 366-4225. Email: [MCPSD@dot.gov](mailto:MCPSD@dot.gov). If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Services, telephone (202) 366-9826.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Public Participation and Request for Comments

FMCSA encourages you to participate by submitting comments and related materials.

##### Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA-2019-0278), indicate the specific section of this document to which the comment applies, and provide a reason for suggestions or recommendations. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so the Agency can contact you if it has questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comments online, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and put the docket number, "FMCSA-2019-0278" in the "Keyword" box, and click "Search." When the new screen appears, click on "Comment Now!" button and type your comment into the text box in the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit. An option to upload a file is provided. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. FMCSA will consider all comments and material

received during the comment period and may grant or not grant this application based on your comments.

## II. Legal Basis

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 (FMCSRs). FMCSA is required to publish notice of exemption requests in the **Federal Register** (49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(6)(A)). This notice seeks public comment on the request posted to the docket referred to above; the Agency takes no position on its merits. FMCSA will review the request and all comments submitted to the docket before deciding whether to grant or deny the exemption.

### *Harris' Application for Exemption*

Harris, a family-owned and operated company comprised of an elevator division and an electric division, applied for an exemption from 49 CFR 395.8. The exemption would cover the company's 14 elevator technicians and electricians and seven general laborers and welders that operate CMVs. The company currently uses electronic devices to document hours of service and requested the exemption to allow it to resume the use of paper RODS. A copy of the application is included in the docket referenced at the beginning of this notice.

### *Request for Comments*

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(6), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on Harris' application for an exemption from the ELD requirements. All comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated at the beginning of this notice will be considered and will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. Comments received after the comment closing date will be filed in the public docket and will be considered to the extent practicable. In addition to late comments, FMCSA will also continue to file, in the public docket, relevant information that becomes available after the comment closing date. Interested persons should continue to examine the public docket for new material.

Issued on: December 5, 2019.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-1999-6156; FMCSA-1999-6480; FMCSA-2000-7006; FMCSA-2001-9258; FMCSA-2001-10578; FMCSA-2003-15268; FMCSA-2003-15892; FMCSA-2003-15892; FMCSA-2005-21254; FMCSA-2005-22194; FMCSA-2005-22727; FMCSA-2006-24015; FMCSA-2007-0017; FMCSA-2007-27897; FMCSA-2009-0121; FMCSA-2009-0154; FMCSA-2009-0206; FMCSA-2009-0303; FMCSA-2010-0372; FMCSA-2011-0189; FMCSA-2011-0298; FMCSA-2011-0299; FMCSA-2011-26690; FMCSA-2013-0166; FMCSA-2013-0167; FMCSA-2013-0168; FMCSA-2013-0169; FMCSA-2013-0170; FMCSA-2014-0297; FMCSA-2014-0303; FMCSA-2015-0049; FMCSA-2015-0055; FMCSA-2015-0056; FMCSA-2015-0070; FMCSA-2015-0071; FMCSA-2015-0072; FMCSA-2015-0344; FMCSA-2015-0345; FMCSA-2017-0017; FMCSA-2017-0023; FMCSA-2017-0024]

### 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 exemptions for 90 individuals from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. The exemptions enable these individuals to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce without meeting the vision requirements in one eye.

**DATES:** Each group of renewed exemptions were applicable on the dates stated in the discussions below and will expire on the dates stated in the discussions below. Comments must be received on or before January 13, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket No. FMCSA-1999-6156, Docket No. FMCSA-1999-6480, Docket No. FMCSA-2000-7006, Docket No. FMCSA-2001-9258, Docket No. FMCSA-2001-10578, Docket No. FMCSA-2003-15268, Docket No. FMCSA-2003-15892, Docket No. FMCSA-2003-15892, Docket No. FMCSA-2005-21254, Docket No. FMCSA-2005-22194, Docket No. FMCSA-2005-22727, Docket No. FMCSA-2006-24015, Docket No. FMCSA-2007-0017, Docket No. FMCSA-2007-27897, Docket No. FMCSA-2009-0121, Docket No. FMCSA-2009-0154, Docket No.

FMCSA-2009-0206, Docket No. FMCSA-2009-0303, Docket No. FMCSA-2010-0372, Docket No. FMCSA-2011-0189, Docket No. FMCSA-2011-0298, Docket No. FMCSA-2011-0299, Docket No. FMCSA-2011-26690, Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0166, Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0167, Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0168, Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0169, Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0170, Docket No. FMCSA-2014-0297, Docket No. FMCSA-2014-0303, Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0049, Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0055, Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0056, Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0070, Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0071, Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0072, Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0344, Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0345, Docket No. FMCSA-2017-0017, Docket No. FMCSA-2017-0023 or Docket No. FMCSA-2017-0024 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Docket Operations; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

- *Fax:* (202) 493-2251.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the "Public Participation" portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for instructions on submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, (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 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Operations, (202) 366-9826.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Public Participation**

##### *A. Submitting Comments*

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (Docket No. FMCSA-1999-6156; FMCSA-1999-6480; FMCSA-2000-