

applied to the above-named entities unless and until further notice.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 11152]

### Designation and Determination Pursuant to the Foreign Missions Act

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of State under the Foreign Missions Act, 22 U.S.C. 4301, *et seq.* (“the Act”), and delegated from the Under Secretary for Management pursuant to the Delegation of Authority No. 484, dated May 26, 2020, I hereby designate engagements between Chinese members of the People’s Republic of China’s foreign missions and any personnel, including but not limited to elected and appointed officials, representatives, and employees, of:

1. Any state, local, or municipal government;
2. any educational institution (public or private); and
3. any research institution (public or private), including national laboratories; located in the United States and its territories, as well as any visit by Chinese members of the People’s Republic of China’s foreign missions to any such sub-national governmental facilities, educational institutions, or research institutions, as a benefit under the Act. I hereby determine it is reasonably necessary to achieve one or more of the purposes set forth in section 204(b) of the Act (22 U.S.C. 4304(b)) to require all Chinese members of the People’s Republic of China’s foreign missions in the United States, including all personnel of the Government of the People’s Republic of China temporarily visiting the United States or its territories traveling on A-1, A-2, G-1, G-2 or G-3 visas, as well as any member of their household accompanying any such individual, to submit advance notification to the Office of Foreign Missions of such engagements or visits and to comply with any other requirements as may be established by the Director or Deputy Director of the Office of Foreign Missions with respect to this Designation and Determination, as well as to authorize the Deputy Director of the Office of Foreign Missions to modify application of these requirements as circumstances warrant. This Designation and Determination

replaces Designation and Determination No. 2019-5 of October 15, 2019.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2012-0370]

### Hours of Service (HOS) of Drivers; U.S. Department of Energy (DOE); Application for Renewal of Exemption

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final disposition; grant of application for exemption.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to grant the application of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for a renewal of its exemption from the 30-minute rest break provision of the Agency’s hours-of-service (HOS) regulations for commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. DOE currently holds an exemption for the period through June 29, 2020, which enables DOE’s contract motor carriers and their employee-drivers engaged in the transportation of security-sensitive radioactive materials to be treated similarly to drivers of shipments of explosives. The exempted drivers will be allowed to use 30 minutes or more of on-duty “attendance time” to meet the HOS rest break requirements providing they do not perform any other work during the break.

**DATES:** The requested exemption renewal is effective from June 30, 2020, through September 29, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Pearlie Robinson, Driver and Carrier Operations Division; Office of Carrier, Driver and Vehicle Safety Standards, FMCSA; Telephone: 202-366-4325. 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

###### Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and insert the docket number, “FMCSA-2012-0370 in

the “Keyword” box and click “Search.” Next, click the “Open Docket Folder” button and choose the document to review. If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366-9317 or (202) 366-9826 before visiting Docket Operations.

##### II. Legal Basis

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b) 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 5 years), and explain the terms and conditions of the exemption. The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

##### III. Background

From 2013 to 2015, DOE held a limited exemption from the mandatory 30-minute rest break requirement of 49 CFR 395.3(a)(3)(ii) that allowed DOE contract carriers and their drivers transporting security-sensitive radioactive materials to be treated the same as drivers transporting explosives pursuant to § 395.1(q). As that exemption neared expiration, DOE applied for its renewal. FMCSA reviewed DOE’s request and the public comments and reaffirmed its previous conclusion that allowing these drivers to count on-duty time “attending” their CMVs toward the required 30-minute break, would likely provide a level of