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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Public Participation**

*A. Viewing Documents and Comments*

To view comments, as well as any documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Insert the docket number, FMCSA-2012-0123, FMCSA-2015-0326, FMCSA-2015-0328, FMCSA-2015-0329, FMCSA-2017-0057, FMCSA-2017-0059, FMCSA-2017-0060, or FMCSA-2017-0061, 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 Dockets Operations 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., ET, 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 Dockets Operations.

*B. 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.transportation.gov/privacy](http://www.transportation.gov/privacy).

**II. Background**

On September 2, 2020, FMCSA published a notice announcing its decision to renew exemptions for 18 individuals from the hearing standard in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(11) to operate a CMV in interstate commerce and requested comments from the public (85 FR 54626). The public comment period ended on October 2, 2020, and no comments were received.

FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that renewing these exemptions would achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by complying with § 391.41(b)(11).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding hearing found in § 391.41(b)(11) states 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.

This standard was adopted in 1970 and was revised 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).

**III. Discussion of Comments**

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

**IV. Conclusion**

Based upon its evaluation of the 18 renewal exemption applications, FMCSA announces its decision to exempt the following drivers from the hearing requirement in § 391.41 (b)(11).

As of August 22, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following 18 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (85 FR 54626):

Mataio Brown (MS)  
Barry Carpenter (SD)  
Lyle Eash (VA)  
Clay Fitzpatrick (ID)  
Berenice Martinez (TX)  
Michael McCarthy (MN)  
Steven Moorehead (KY)  
Gary Nagel (MN)  
Christopher Poole (OH)  
Ricardo Porras-Payan (TX)  
James Quinn (TN)  
Willine Smith (GA)  
Brandon Soto (MO)  
Dennis Stotts (OH)  
Michael Tayman (ME)  
Carlos Torres (FL)  
Paul Wentworth (WA)  
Joseph Woodle (KY)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA-2012-0123, FMCSA-2015-0326, FMCSA-2015-0328, FMCSA-2015-0329, FMCSA-2017-0057, FMCSA-2017-0059, FMCSA-2017-0060, or FMCSA-2017-0061. Their exemptions were applicable as of August 22, 2020, and will expire on August 22, 2022.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), each exemption will be valid for 2 years from the effective date unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if the

following occurs: (1) The person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained prior to being granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b).

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Office of Foreign Assets Control**

**Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions**

**AGENCY:** Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of one or more persons that have been placed on OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List based on OFAC's determination that one or more applicable legal criteria were satisfied. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of these persons are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

**DATES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for effective date(s).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** OFAC: Associate Director for Global Targeting, tel.: 202-622-2420; Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, tel.: 202-622-2490; Assistant Director for Licensing, tel.: 202-622-2480; Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, tel.: 202-622-4855.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Electronic Availability**

The Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC's website ([www.treasury.gov/ofac](http://www.treasury.gov/ofac)).

**Notice of OFAC Action(s)**

On October 22, 2020, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following persons are blocked under the relevant sanctions authorities listed below.

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**Individuals**

1. AL-BAGHDADI, Hassan (Arabic: *بغدادى حسن*) (a.k.a. AL-BAGHDADI, Sheikh Hassan; a.k.a. BAGHDADI, Sheikh Hassan; a.k.a. "AL-BAGHDADI, Sheikh"), Lebanon; DOB 05 Oct 1961; citizen Lebanon; Additional Sanctions Information - Subject to Secondary Sanctions Pursuant to the Hizballah Financial Sanctions Regulations; Gender Male (individual) [SDGT] (Linked To: HIZBALLAH).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii)(E) of Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, "Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism," 3 CFR, 2001 Comp., p. 786, as amended by Executive Order 13886 of September 9, 2019, "Modernizing Sanctions To Combat Terrorism", 84 FR 48041 (E.O. 13224, as amended), for being a leader or official of HIZBALLAH, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13224, as amended.

2. QAOUK, Nabil (Arabic: *قاووق نبيل*) (a.k.a. KAWOUK, Nabil; a.k.a. QAWOOK, Sheikh Nabil; a.k.a. QAWOUK, Sheikh Nabil; a.k.a. QAWUQ, Nabil Yahy), Ebba, Nabatieh, Lebanon; DOB 20 May 1964; Additional Sanctions Information - Subject to Secondary Sanctions Pursuant to the Hizballah Financial Sanctions Regulations; Gender Male (individual) [SDGT] (Linked To: HIZBALLAH).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(iii)(E) of E.O. 13224, as amended, for being a leader or official of HIZBALLAH, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13224, as amended.

Dated: October 22, 2020.

**Andrea Gacki,**

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U.S. Department of the Treasury.*

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