

receive to determine eligibility on an initial claim for SSI payments or a redetermination of existing recipients. The collection is mandatory to ensure that an applicant or recipient does not have a warrant for one of the three

fleeing codes. If the respondent has a warrant for one of the three fleeing codes, SSA uses this information to deny payments. The respondents are SSI applicants and recipients, or their representative payees, who are reporting

their status as a fugitive felon or probation or parole violator.

*Type of Request:* Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)	Average theoretical hourly cost amount (dollars)*	Total annual opportunity cost (dollars)**
Fugitive Felon and Parole or Probation Violation screens within the SSI Claims System .....	1,000	1	1	17	*\$25.72	**\$437

\*We based this figure on the average hourly wage for all occupations in May 2019 as reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics ([https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes\\_nat.htm#00-0000](https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm#00-0000)).

\*\* This figure does not represent actual costs that SSA is imposing on recipients of Social Security payments to complete this application; rather, these are theoretical opportunity costs for the additional time respondents will spend to complete the application. *There is no actual charge to respondents to complete the application.*

Dated: March 31, 2021.

**Eric Lowman,**

*Acting Reports Clearance Officer, Office of Legislative Development and Operations, Social Security Administration.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 1)]

### Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC), pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 22, 2021, beginning at 1:00 p.m. E.D.T., and is expected to conclude by 4:00 p.m. E.D.T.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for registration details.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kristen Nunnally at (202) 245-0312 or [Kristen.Nunnally@stb.gov](mailto:Kristen.Nunnally@stb.gov). Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** RETAC was formed in 2007 to provide advice and guidance to the Board, and to serve as a forum for discussion of emerging issues related to the transportation of energy resources by rail, including coal, ethanol, and other biofuels.

*Establishment of a Rail Energy Transp. Advisory Comm., EP 670 (STB served*

July 17, 2007). The purpose of this meeting is to facilitate discussions regarding issues of interest, including rail service, infrastructure planning and development, and effective coordination among suppliers, rail carriers, and users of energy resources. Agenda items for this meeting may include a rail performance measures review, industry segment updates by RETAC members, and a roundtable discussion.

The meeting, which is open to the public via Zoom, will be conducted in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2; Federal Advisory Committee Management regulations, 41 CFR 102-3; the RETAC charter; and Board procedures. Members of the public who wish to attend this meeting must register in advance of the meeting. The registration link is provided on the Board's website at <https://prod.stb.gov/resources/stakeholder-committees/retac/>. Registrations will be accepted on a space-available basis. Further communications about this meeting will be announced through the Board's website at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

**Public Comments:** Members of the public may submit written comments to RETAC at any time. Comments should be addressed to RETAC, c/o Kristen Nunnally, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001 or [Kristen.Nunnally@stb.gov](mailto:Kristen.Nunnally@stb.gov).

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 1321, 49 U.S.C. 11101; 49 U.S.C. 11121.

Decided: April 1, 2021.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Aretha Laws-Byrum,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2020-0196]

### Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Application for an Exemption From Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, LLC

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announces its decision to grant the application of Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, LLC (Bendix) for a limited five-year exemption to allow its Bendix Advance Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) technology to be mounted lower in the windshield on commercial motor vehicles (CMV) than is currently permitted. The Agency has determined that lower placement of the ADAS technology would not have an adverse impact on safety and that adherence to the terms and conditions of the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety provided by the regulation.

**DATES:** This exemption is effective April 6, 2021 and expires April 6, 2026.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. José R. Cestero, Vehicle and Roadside Operations Division, Office of Carrier, Driver, and Vehicle Safety, MC-PSV, (202) 366-5541, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or

comments submitted to notice requesting public comments on the exemption application, 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. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366-9317 or (202) 366-9826 before visiting Docket Operations. The online Federal document management system is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The docket number is listed at the beginning of this notice.

#### 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 (FMCSRs). 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 (up to 5 years) and explain the terms and conditions of the exemption. The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

##### Bendix's Application for Exemption

Bendix applied for an exemption from 49 CFR 393.60(e)(1) to allow its ADAS technology to be mounted lower in the windshield than is currently permitted by the Agency's regulations to optimize the functionality of the technology system. A copy of the application is included in the docket referenced at the beginning of this notice.

In its application, Bendix states that the functionality of its ADAS technology now includes the ability to provide incident management systems,

performance or behavior management systems, lane departure warning systems, forward collision warning or mitigation systems, and active cruise control systems. Bendix notes that it piloted the devices' functionality, and found that there was no obstruction to the driver's normal sightlines to the road ahead, highway signs and signals, or any mirrors.

The technology housing is approximately 142 mm (5.6 inches) tall by 138 mm (5.4 inches) wide, and will be mounted in the approximate center of the windshield with the bottom edge of the housing approximately 204 mm (about 8 inches) below the upper edge of the area swept by the windshield wipers. The technology will be mounted outside the driver's normal sight lines to the road ahead, signs, signals, and mirrors. This location will allow for optimal functionality of the safety features supported by the ADAS technology.

Without the proposed exemption, Bendix states that its clients (1) will not be able to install these devices in an optimal location on the windshield to maximize the effectiveness of the ADAS safety features, and (2) could be fined for violating current regulations. The exemption would apply to all CMVs equipped with Bendix ADAS technology mounted on the windshield. Bendix believes that mounting the ADAS technology system as described will maintain a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety achieved without the exemption.

##### Comments

FMCSA published a notice of the application in the **Federal Register** on December 01, 2020, and asked for public comment (85 FR 77336). The Agency received one comment from the American Trucking Associations (ATA). The ATA supported the exemption application, noting that the Bendix ADAS technology is designed to provide safety features such as: Forward collision warnings, following distance warnings, and lane departure warnings. ATA argues that ADAS can help thousands of commercial motor vehicle drivers to safely traverse U.S. highways.

##### FMCSA Decision

FMCSA has evaluated the Bendix exemption application. The ADAS technology system housing is approximately 5.6 inches tall, and is mounted near the top of the center of the windshield, with the bottom of the housing located about 8 inches below the top of the area swept by the windshield wipers. The housing needs

to be mounted in this location for optimal functionality of the ADAS system. The desired optimal functionality and the relative size of the system precludes mounting it (1) higher in the windshield, and (2) within 4 inches from the top of the area swept by the windshield wipers to comply with § 393.60(e)(1)(ii)(A).

The Agency believes that granting the temporary exemption to allow placement of the ADAS technology lower than currently permitted by Agency regulations will likely provide a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety achieved without the exemption because (1) based on the information available, there is no indication that the ADAS technology would obstruct drivers' views of the roadway, highway signs and signals, and surrounding traffic; (2) generally, trucks and buses have an elevated seating position that greatly improves the forward visual field of the driver and any impairment of available sight lines would be minimal; and (3) the mounting location where the bottom of the ADAS technology housing will not exceed 8 inches below the upper edge of the area swept by the windshield wipers outside the driver's and passenger's normal sight lines to the road ahead, highway signs and signals, and all mirrors, will be reasonable and enforceable at roadside. In addition, the Agency believes the use of the ADAS technology by fleets is likely to improve the overall level of safety for the motoring public.

This action is consistent with the following previously issued Agency actions permitting the placement of similarly-sized devices on CMVs outside the driver's sight lines to the road, and highway signs and signals: Netradyne, Inc. 85 FR 82575 (Dec 18, 2020), J.J. Keller & Associates, Inc. 85 FR 75106 (November 24, 2020), Samsara Networks, Inc. 85 FR 68409 (Oct. 28, 2020), Nauto Inc. 85 FR 64220 (Oct. 9, 2020), Lytx Inc. 85 FR 30121 (May 21, 2020), and Navistar Inc. 84 FR 64952 (Nov. 25, 2019). FMCSA is unaware of any evidence showing that installation of other vehicle safety technologies mounted on the interior of the windshield has resulted in any degradation in safety.

##### Terms and Conditions for the Exemption

The Agency hereby grants the exemption for a 5-year period, beginning April 6, 2021 and ending April 6, 2026. During the temporary exemption period, motor carriers will be allowed to operate CMVs equipped with Bendix ADAS technology in the

approximate center of the top of the windshield and such that the bottom edge of the technology housing is approximately 8 inches below the upper edge of the area swept by the windshield wipers, outside of the driver's and passenger's normal sight lines to the road ahead, highway signs and signals, and all mirrors. The exemption will be valid for 5 years unless rescinded earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be rescinded if: (1) Motor carriers and/or commercial motor vehicles fail to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was 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).

Interested parties possessing information that would demonstrate that motor carriers operating CMVs equipped with Bendix's ADAS technology are not achieving the requisite statutory level of safety should immediately notify FMCSA. The Agency will evaluate any such information and, if safety is being compromised or if continuation of the exemption is not consistent with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption.

### Preemption

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(d), as implemented by 49 CFR 381.600, during the period this exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation applicable to interstate commerce that conflicts with or is inconsistent with this exemption with respect to a firm or person operating under the exemption. States may, but are not required to, adopt the same exemption with respect to operations in intrastate commerce.

**Meera Catherine Joshi,**  
*Acting Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2021-0003]

### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final disposition.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to exempt 11 individuals from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) in interstate commerce. They are unable to meet the vision requirement in one eye for various reasons. The exemptions enable these individuals to operate CMVs in interstate commerce without meeting the vision requirement in one eye.

**DATES:** The exemptions were applicable on March 26, 2021. The exemptions expire on March 26, 2023.

**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 Dockets Operations, (202) 366-9826.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Public Participation

##### A. Viewing Comments

To view comments go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Insert the docket number, FMCSA-2021-0003, in the keyword box, and click "Search." Next, sort the results by "Posted (Newer-Older)," choose the first notice listed, and click "Browse Comments." 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 20590-0001, 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 February 23, 2021, FMCSA published a notice announcing receipt of applications from 11 individuals requesting an exemption from vision

requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) and requested comments from the public (86 FR 11046). The public comment period ended on March 25, 2021, and two comments were received.

FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that granting the exemptions to these individuals would achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by complying with § 391.41(b)(10).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding vision found in § 391.41(b)(10) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person has distant visual acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in each eye without corrective lenses or visual acuity separately corrected to 20/40 (Snellen) or better with corrective lenses, distant binocular acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in both eyes with or without corrective lenses, field of vision of at least 70° in the horizontal meridian in each eye, and the ability to recognize the colors of traffic signals and devices showing red, green, and amber.

#### III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received two comments in this proceeding. Jason Gaddy and an anonymous individual submitted comments in support of the Agency's decision to grant the exemptions.

#### IV. Basis for Exemption Determination

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), FMCSA may grant an exemption from the FMCSRs for no longer than a 5-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 5-year period. FMCSA grants medical exemptions from the FMCSRs for a 2-year period to align with the maximum duration of a driver's medical certification.

The Agency's decision regarding these exemption applications is based on medical reports about the applicants' vision, as well as their driving records and experience driving with the vision deficiency. The qualifications, experience, and medical condition of each applicant were stated and discussed in detail in the February 23, 2021 **Federal Register** notice (86 FR 11046) and will not be repeated here.

FMCSA recognizes that some drivers do not meet the vision requirement but have adapted their driving to accommodate their limitation and demonstrated their ability to drive safely. The 11 exemption applicants