

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Public Participation****A. Viewing Comments**

To view comments go to www.regulations.gov. Insert the docket number, (FMCSA–2015–03023, FMCSA–2016–0008, FMCSA–2018–0056, or FMCSA–2019–0035) 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 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(6), DOT solicits comments from the public on the exemption request. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov. As described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL 14 (Federal Docket Management System), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>, the comments are searchable by the name of the submitter.

II. Background

On January 5, 2023, FMCSA published a notice announcing its decision to renew exemptions for seven individuals from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8) to operate a CMV in interstate commerce and requested comments from the public (88 FR 904). The public comment period ended on February 6, and five comments were received.

FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that renewing these exemptions would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by complying with § 391.41(b)(8).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding epilepsy found in § 391.41(b)(8) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause the loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a CMV.

In addition to the regulations, FMCSA has published advisory criteria¹ to assist medical examiners in determining whether drivers with certain medical conditions are qualified to operate a CMV in interstate commerce.

III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

IV. Conclusion

Based on its evaluation of the seven renewal exemption applications and the fact that no comments were received, FMCSA announces its decision to exempt the following drivers from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in § 391.41(b)(8).

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following groups of drivers received renewed exemptions in the month of January and are discussed below.

As of January 1, 2023, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following six individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (88 FR 904):

Robert Davidson (ID)
Jordan Hyster (OH)
Everett Letourneau (ND)
Douglas Simms (NC)
Donald Smith (NY)
Ronald Wagner (OH)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2015–03023, FMCSA–2016–0008, FMCSA–2018–0056, or FMCSA–2019–0035. Their exemptions were applicable as of January 1, 2023 and will expire on January 1, 2025.

As of January 11, 2023, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), Robert Schauer (IA) has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (88 FR 904).

This driver was included in docket number FMCSA–2016–0008. Their exemption was applicable as of January 11, 2023 and will expire on January 11, 2025.

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

¹ These criteria may be found in APPENDIX A TO PART 391—MEDICAL ADVISORY CRITERIA, section H. *Epilepsy*: § 391.41(b)(8), paragraphs 3, 4, and 5, which is available on the internet at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2015-title49-vol5/pdf/CFR-2015-title49-vol5-part391-appA.pdf>.

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).

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration****Hazardous Materials: Notice of Applications for New Special Permits**

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: List of applications for special permits.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation’s Hazardous Material Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 17, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the special permit number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Donald Burger, Chief, Office of Hazardous Materials Safety General Approvals and Permits Branch, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building, PHH–13, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington, DC 20590–0001, (202) 366–4535.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Each mode of transportation for which a particular special permit is requested is indicated by a number in the “Nature of Application” portion of the table below as follows: 1—Motor vehicle, 2—Rail freight, 3—Cargo vessel, 4—Cargo aircraft only, 5—Passenger-carrying aircraft.

Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, East Building, PHH-13, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington DC.

This notice of receipt of applications for special permit is published in accordance with part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 7, 2023.

Donald P. Burger,
Chief, General Approvals and Permits Branch.

Application No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of the special permits thereof
Special Permits Data			
21499-N	Pollution Control Inc	172.320, 173.56(b)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of an explosive for the that has not been examined and classified in accordance with 49 CFR 173.56(b). (mode 1)
21500-N	American Ecycle Inc	173.185(f)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of damaged lithium ion batteries in alternative packaging for destruction or recycling. (mode 1)
21501-N	Luxfer Inc	173.301(f), 173.302(a)	To authorize the manufacture, mark, sale, and use of a non-DOT specification fully wrapped fiber reinforced composite gas cylinder with a non-load sharing plastic liner that meets the ISO 11119-3 standard except for the design water capacity and working pressure. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4)
21504-N	Construction Helicopters, Inc	172.101(j), 173.27(b)(2)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of Division 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 explosives, which are forbidden or exceed quantities authorized for transportation via cargo-only aircraft. (mode 4)
21509-N	KULR Technology Corporation	173.6(a)(1), 173.6(d)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of lithium batteries as Materials of Trade when the quantities of batteries exceed the limitation specified in 173.6. (mode 1)
21510-N	ENK Co. Ltd	173.302a(b)(2), 173.302a(b)(3), 173.302a(b)(4), 173.302a(b)(5), 180.205(c), 180.205(f), 180.205(i), 180.209(a), 180.213.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain gases in DOT 3AA, 3AA, or 3T cylinders. The cylinders are retested by acoustic emission and ultrasonic examination (AE/UE) described in paragraph 7 below in place of the internal visual inspection and the hydrostatic retest required in § 180.205. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
21512-N	KLA Corporation	171.1	To authorize the transportation in commerce of a Division 4.1 flammable solid within an article as no subject to the requirements of the Hazardous Materials Regulations. (modes 1, 3, 4, 5)
21513-N	The Chemours Company Fc LLC ..	173.301(f)(2), 177.840(a)(1)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of certain Division 2.1 gases in cylinders without the pressure relief device (PRD) being in communication with the vapor space. (mode 1)
21517-N	Bayerische Motoren Werke Aktiengesellschaft.	172.101(j)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of lithium batteries exceeding 35 kg via cargo-only aircraft. (mode 4)
21518-N	Bedrock Ocean Exploration, PBC ..	172.101(j)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of prototype lithium batteries exceeding 35 kg via cargo-only aircraft. (mode 4)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Hazardous Materials: Notice of Actions on Special Permits

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of actions on special permit applications.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 17, 2023.

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