

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8938]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations:**“Display of Sixteen Hellenistic Silver Objects From the Republic of Italy, Sicily Region” Exhibition**

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition “Display of Sixteen Hellenistic Silver Objects from the Republic of Italy, Sicily Region,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owner or custodian. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, New York, from on or about December 1, 2014, until on or about December 1, 2018, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Julie Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6467). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, SA–5, L/PD, Fifth Floor (Suite 5H03), Washington, DC 20522–0505.

Dated: October 29, 2014.

Kelly Keiderling,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration**Seventh Meeting: RTCA Tactical Operations Committee (TOC)**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Seventh meeting notice of RTCA Tactical Operations Committee.

SUMMARY: The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of the seventh meeting of the RTCA Tactical Operations Committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held November 20th from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting is being held virtually. Any members of the public interested in participating virtually are required to pre-register no later than November 14, 2014 by contacting Trin Mitra via the email tmitra@rtca.org. Please provide the following information:

- Name
- Organization
- Phone number and Email address

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The RTCA Secretariat, 1150 18th Street NW., Suite 910, Washington, DC 20036, or by telephone at (202) 833–9339, fax at (202) 833–9434, or Web site at <http://www.rtca.org> or Trin Mitra, TOC Secretary, tmitra@rtca.org, 202–330–0655.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., App.), notice is hereby given for a meeting of the RTCA Tactical Operations Committee. The agenda will include the following:

November 20th

- Opening of Meeting/Introduction of TOC Members—Co Chairs Jim Bowman and Dale Wright
- Official Statement of Designated Federal Official—Elizabeth Ray
- Approval of September 3, 2014 Meeting Summary
- Kickoff New TOC Tasks
- Status of Existing and Potential TOC Tasks
- Update briefing on TBFM
- Update briefing on NSAAP
- Discussion on UAS/Commercial Space
- Overview of RTCA/IATA Partnership
- Anticipated Issues for TOC consideration and action at the next meeting
- Other business

• Adjourn

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 29th 2014.

Mohannad Dawoud,

Management Analyst, NextGen, Program Oversight and Administration, Federal Aviation Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2014–0322]

Hours of Service of Drivers: Application of B.R. Kreider & Son, Inc. for Exemption From the 12-Hour Limit on the Duty Day of Short-Haul Drivers

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

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

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces that it has received an application from B.R. Kreider & Son, Inc., (Kreider) for an exemption from the requirement that drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) must be released from work within 12 consecutive hours in order to take advantage of the exception to the record of duty status (RODS) rule for short-haul operations. Drivers qualifying for the short-haul exception are subject to the hours of service limits but are not required to maintain a RODS during the duty day. Kreider asks that its drivers be allowed to operate under the short-haul exception when their duty day exceeds 12 hours, and states that the same level of safety would be achieved with the exemption in place as would be achieved without the exemption.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 5, 2014

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Federal Docket Management System Number FMCSA–2014–0322 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 1–202–493–2251.

• *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. E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the exemption process, see the *Public Participation* heading below. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. Please also see the *Privacy Act* heading below.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to www.regulations.gov, and follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets, or go to the street address listed above.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review a Privacy Act notice regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008, issue of the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3316).

Public participation: The Federal eRulemaking Portal is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. You can obtain electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines under the “help” section of the Federal eRulemaking Portal Web site. If you want us to notify you that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard, or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments online. Comments received after the comment closing date will be included in the docket and will be considered to the extent practicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert F. Schultz, FMCSA Driver and Carrier Operations Division; Office of Carrier, Driver and Vehicle Safety Standards; Telephone: 202–366–4325. Email: MCPSD@dot.gov.

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. Before doing so, the Agency must provide an opportunity for public comment. The Agency is required to publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)), providing the public an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including any safety analyses that have been conducted, and an opportunity to comment on the request. FMCSA must review the safety analyses and public comments submitted and determine 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 Agency must publish its decision in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)) and state the reasons for denying or granting the application. If the exemption is granted, the notice must include the name of the person or entity, or class of persons, receiving the exemption, and the regulation from which the exemption is granted. The notice must also specify the effective period of the exemption and state the terms and conditions of the exemption, if any. The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

The hours-of-service (HOS) rules (49 CFR part 395) require operators of CMVs to maintain a RODS on board the CMV at all times (§ 395.8(a)). However, the HOS rules provide an exception to this requirement for qualifying CMV drivers engaged in short-haul operations (§ 395.1(e)). Section 395.1(e) states in pertinent part: “(e) Short-haul operations—(1) 100 air-mile radius driver. A driver is exempt from [maintaining a RODS] if: (i) The driver operates within a 100 air-mile radius of the normal work reporting location; (ii) The driver . . . returns to the work reporting location and is released from work within 12 consecutive hours; (iii)(A) A property-carrying commercial motor vehicle driver has at least 10 consecutive hours off duty separating each 12 hours on duty; . . . (iv)(A) A property-carrying commercial motor vehicle driver does not exceed [11 hours] driving . . . following 10 consecutive hours off duty; . . . and (v) The motor carrier that employs the driver maintains and retains for a period of 6 months accurate and true time records showing: (A) The time the driver reports for duty each day; (B) The total number of hours the driver is on duty each day; (C) The time the driver is released from duty each day . . .”

A driver who expects to qualify for the short-haul exception does not maintain a RODS on board the CMV. However, if the driver discovers later in

the day that he or she is not going to qualify for the short-haul exception, the driver must immediately begin to prepare a RODS for the day. The RODS must cover the entire day, even if the driver has to record retroactively changes in duty status that occurred earlier in the day. See Q.21 under 49 CFR 395.1 at <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/title49/part395?guidance>.

Request for Exemption

Kreider is an interstate motor carrier engaged in the short-haul transportation of materials such as topsoil, fill, and stone. Kreider drivers do not go beyond a 100 air-mile radius of their normal work-reporting location during their duty day. Kreider states that its drivers make frequent deliveries during their duty day, and thus are “in and out of the truck all day long.” Kreider states that it is often not possible for its CMV drivers to complete their duty day within the 12-hour limit. The applicant believes that it is impractical to require these drivers to prepare a RODS when this occurs. Kreider states that the 12-hour requirement “affects the driver’s pay, production rates and makes for a very sloppy log book with so many lines between driving and on duty.” It believes that the same level of safety would be achieved with this exemption in place as would be achieved in the absence of the exemption. A copy of the applicants’ application for exemption is available for review in the docket for this notice.

Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b)(4), FMCSA requests public comment on this application for an exemption from § 395.1(e)(1)(ii) so that its CMV drivers who are not released from duty within 12 consecutive hours can qualify for the short-haul exception.

The Agency will consider all comments received by close of business on December 5, 2014. Comments will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. The Agency will consider to the extent practicable comments received in the public docket after the closing date of the comment period.

Issued on: October 27, 2014.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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