

By the Commission.
Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.
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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster Loan Area #2851]

Kentucky; Declaration of Disaster Loan Area

Madison County and the contiguous counties of Clark, Estill, Fayette, Garrard, Jackson, Jessamine, and Rockcastle in the State of Kentucky constitute a disaster area as a result of damages caused by high winds and tornadoes which occurred on April 20, 1996. Applications for loans for physical damage may be filed until the close of business on July 1, 1996 and for economic injury until the close of business on January 30, 1997 at the address listed below:

U.S. Small Business Administration,
Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308
or other locally announced locations.
The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere	7.250
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Others (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere	7.125
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 285112, and for economic injury the number is 883900.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008).

Dated: April 30, 1996.

John T. Spotila,
Acting Administrator.
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Portland District Advisory Council Meeting; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration, Portland District

Advisory Council will hold a public meeting on Thursday, May 30, 1996 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, May 31, 1996 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Newport Shilo Inn, 536 SW Elizabeth, Newport, Oregon to discuss matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

For further information, write or call Mr. John L. Gilman, District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration, 222 S.W. Columbia, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97201-6695, (503) 326-5221.

Dated: May 3, 1996.
Bill Combs,
Associate Administrator for Office of Communication and Public Liaison.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. MC-96-13]

Commercial Driver's License Program; Temporary Waiver for Trekking International Overland Expedition

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.
ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: Trekking International requested relief from the requirements of the commercial driver's license (CDL) regulations (49 CFR Part 383) for drivers participating in the Overland Expedition.

The FHWA has decided that it is not contrary to the public interest and will not diminish the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) to grant a waiver from the CDL testing and licensing standards to drivers participating in the Overland Expedition. The effect of this action is to allow four Iveco 330.30 ANW 6x6 trucks being driven by six foreign licensed employees of the petitioner to continue driving their trucks from Rome, Italy to New York City, New York. The approved waiver is temporary and subject to certain conditions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 9, 1996.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Redmond, Office of Motor Carrier Research and Standards, (202) 366-4001, or Mr. Raymond W. Cuprill, Office of the Chief Counsel, HCC-20, (202) 366-0834, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.,

e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Commercial Driver's License (CDL) regulations, issued pursuant to the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 (Title XII, Pub. L. 99-570, 100 Stat. 3207) (49 U.S.C. 31301 *et seq.*), are found at 49 CFR Part 383 (1995). Section 383.23 of the regulations sets forth the general rule that no person shall operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) unless such person: (1) has taken and passed a knowledge test and, if applicable, a driving test, which meets Federal standards, and (2) possesses a CDL, which is evidence of having passed the required tests. These Federal standards ensure that drivers of a CMV: (1) have a single driver's license and a single driving record, (2) are tested for the knowledge and skills needed to drive a vehicle representative of the vehicle that they will be licensed to drive, and (3) are disqualified from driving a CMV when convicted of certain criminal or traffic violations.

The term "commercial motor vehicle" is defined to include, a motor vehicle:

- (1) With a gross combination weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds inclusive of a towed unit with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of more than 10,000 pounds; or
- (2) With a GVWR of 26,001 or more pounds; or
- (3) Designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver; or
- (4) Used in the transportation of quantities of hazardous materials which require the vehicle to be placarded under the Hazardous Materials Transportation Regulations (49 CFR part 172, subpart F). 49 CFR 383.5 (1995).

(2) With a GVWR of 26,001 or more pounds; or

(3) Designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver; or
(4) Used in the transportation of quantities of hazardous materials which require the vehicle to be placarded under the Hazardous Materials Transportation Regulations (49 CFR part 172, subpart F). 49 CFR 383.5 (1995).

CDL Waivers

Section 12012 of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1985 (the Act) authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to waive any class of drivers or vehicles from any or all of the provisions of the Act or the implementing regulations if the Secretary determines that the waiver is not contrary to the public interest and does not diminish the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles. The regulatory procedures governing the issuance of waivers are found at 49 CFR 383.7 (1995).

Petition

Trekking International of Milan, Italy, through its North American coordinator, Circumpolar Expeditions of Anchorage, Alaska, has petitioned the FHWA to grant a CDL waiver to drivers involved