

*Type of Request:* Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.  
*Number of Respondents:* 250,000.  
*Frequency of Response:* 1.  
*Average Burden Per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 62,500 hours.

2. *Request for Hearing by Administrative Law Judge—20 CFR 404.929, 404.933, 416.1429, 404.1433, 405.722, 418.1350—0960-0269.* SSA uses form HA-501 to document when applicants for Social Security benefits have their claims denied and want to request an administrative hearing to appeal SSA's decision. The scope of this form is now being expanded to include people who wish to appeal the decision that has been made regarding their obligation to pay a new Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) for Medicare Part B, as per the requirements of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003. Although

this information will be collected by SSA, the actual hearings will take place before administrative law judges (ALJ) who are employed by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The current respondents include applicants for various Social Security benefits programs who want to request a hearing where they can appeal their denial; the new additional respondents are Medicare Part B recipients whom SSA has determined will have to pay the new Medicare Part B IRMAA and who wish to appeal this decision at a hearing before an HHS ALJ.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 669,469.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 111,578 hours.

3. *Request to Resolve Questionable Quarters of Coverage (QC); Request for*

*QC History Based on Relationship—0960-0575.* Form SSA-512 is used by states to request clarification from SSA on questionable QC information. The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act states that aliens admitted for lawful residence that have worked and earned 40 qualifying QCs for Social Security purposes can generally receive state benefits. Form SSA-513 is used by states to request QC information for an alien's spouse or child in cases where the alien does not sign a consent form giving permission to access his/her Social Security records. QCs can also be allocated to a spouse and/or to a child under age 18, if needed, to obtain 40 qualifying QCs for the alien. The respondents are state agencies that require QC information in order to determine eligibility for benefits.

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

Collections	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minute)	Estimated annual burden (hours)
SSA-512 .....	200,000	1	2	6,667
SSA-513 .....	350,000	1	2	11,667
Totals .....	550,000	.....	.....	18,334

Dated: February 9, 2007.

**Elizabeth A. Davidson,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 5698]

**Debarment Involving Henry L. Lavery III and Security Assistance International, Inc.**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Department of State has imposed an administrative debarment against Henry L. Lavery III and Security Assistance International, Inc. pursuant to a December 12, 2006 Consent Agreement and other authority based upon section 127.7(a) and (b)(2) of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) (22 CFR sections 120 to 130).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 12, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Trimble, Director, Office of Defense Trade Controls Compliance,

Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State (202) 663-2700.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 127.7 of the ITAR authorizes the Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs to debar any person who has been found pursuant to Section 128 of the ITAR to have committed a violation of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) or the ITAR of such character as to provide a reasonable basis for the Office of Defense Trade Controls Compliance to believe that the violator cannot be relied upon to comply with the AECA or ITAR in the future. Such debarment prohibits the subject from participating directly or indirectly in the export of defense articles or defense services for which a license or approval is required by the ITAR.

Debarred persons are generally ineligible to participate in activity regulated under the ITAR (see e.g., sections 120.1(c) and (d), 126.7, 127.1(c), and 127.11(a)). The Department of State will not consider applications for licenses or requests for approvals that involve any debarred person.

Henry L. Lavery III doing business as Security Assistance International, Inc.,

(SAI) was under a Consent Agreement dated June 3, 1999, as a result of a Proposed Charging Letter alleging numerous ITAR violations between April 1993 and April 1999. Mr. Lavery and his company, SAI, were cited for submitting export applications on behalf of clients containing falsified applicant signatures; failing to maintain records as required under the ITAR; obtaining export licenses for firms whose registrations expired or who were never registered; and brokering without being registered and without authorization. Under the June 3, 1999, Consent Agreement, Mr. Lavery was required to pay a \$10,000 penalty, register as a broker, reconstruct export records, cease participating directly or indirectly in exports of defense articles and/or defense services and implement a compliance program outlining SAI's operating procedures and internal controls for adherence to the ITAR. On or about August 1, 2001, Mr. Lavery completed the requirements of the Consent Agreement and his export privileges were reinstated by the Department.

On July 11, 2005, the Office of Defense Trade Controls Compliance conducted a review of SAI's ITAR

compliance program. The review determined that many of the practices, which led to the June 3, 1999, Consent Agreement, had not been corrected. A July 14, 2003 license application for the temporary export of Night Vision equipment was submitted by Mr. Lavery on behalf of an unregistered company; Mr. Lavery was unable to provide complete records and/or was unable to produce records required to be maintained by the ITAR for his current authorized exports; and Mr. Lavery violated a license proviso requiring proof of export be provided to the Department.

On December 12, 2006, as the result of these continuing violations, the Department and Mr. Lavery entered into a new Consent Agreement, which debarred Mr. Lavery and SAI until December 12, 2007. Reinstatement after December 12, 2007 is not automatic but contingent on full compliance with the terms of the December 12, 2006 Consent Agreement and evidence that the underlying problems that gave rise to the violations have been corrected. At the end of the debarment period, Mr. Lavery and SAI may apply for reinstatement. Until licensing privileges are reinstated, Mr. Lavery and SAI will remain debarred.

This notice is provided to make the public aware that the persons listed above are prohibited from participating directly or indirectly in any brokering activities and in any export from or temporary import into the United States of defense articles, related technical data, or defense services in all situations covered by the ITAR.

Exceptions may be made to this denial policy on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls. However, such an exception would be granted only after a full review of all circumstances, paying particular attention to the following factors: Whether an exception is warranted by overriding U.S. foreign policy or national security interests; whether an exception would further law enforcement concerns that are consistent with foreign policy or national security interests of the United States; or whether other compelling circumstances exist that are consistent with the foreign policy or national security interests of the United States, and law enforcement concerns.

This notice involves a foreign affairs function of the United States encompassed within the meaning of the military and foreign affairs exclusion of the Administrative Procedures Act. Because the exercise of this foreign affairs function is highly discretionary,

it is excluded from review under the Administrative Procedures Act.

Dated: January 29, 2007.

**Ambassador Stephen Mull,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-98-4334, FMCSA-00-7363, FMCSA-02-13411]

#### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of exemptions; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew the exemptions from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 15 individuals. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemptions will provide a level of safety that will be equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

**DATES:** This decision is effective March 4, 2007. Comments must be received on or before March 22, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Management System (DMS) Docket Numbers FMCSA-98-4334, FMCSA-00-7363, FMCSA-02-13411, using any of the following methods.

- *Web site:* <http://dmses.dot.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the

online instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the Agency name and docket numbers for this Notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://dms.dot.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading for further information.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The DMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. 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 on-line.

*Privacy Act:* Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the Department of Transportation's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477; Apr. 11, 2000). This information is also available at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Mary D. Gunnels, Chief, Physical Qualifications Division, (202) 366-4001, [maggi.gunnels@dot.gov](mailto:maggi.gunnels@dot.gov), FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 8301, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Exemption Decision

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may renew an exemption from the vision requirements in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce, for a two-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 procedures for requesting an exemption (including renewals) are set out in 49 CFR part 381. This notice addresses 15 individuals who have requested renewal of their exemptions in a timely manner. FMCSA has evaluated these 15