

Peru  
 Saint Kitts and Nevis  
 Saint Lucia  
 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines  
 Suriname  
 Trinidad and Tobago  
 Uruguay  
 Venezuela

Countries in this region whose natives do not qualify for this year's diversity program: Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, Jamaica, and Mexico.

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**Maura Harty,**

*Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs,  
 Department of State.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Update on Public Dialogue on Enhancing the Transatlantic Economic Relationship

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Update for the public.

### Background

In **Federal Register** notice 04-18716, dated August 17, 2004, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative sought public input on ideas for deepening transatlantic economic ties and requested that written comments be submitted no later than November 15, 2004. In view of the fact that further public dialogue sessions are being organized for later this year, the deadline for submission of written comments is being extended to December 31, 2004. Electronic submissions should continue to be sent to [FR0438@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:FR0438@ustr.eop.gov); please refer to the previous **Federal Register** notice, referenced above, for details on making such submissions.

The public is advised to call Lisa Errion, Director for Central and Southeast Europe, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative at (202) 395-3320 for further information.

**Catherine A. Novelli,**

*Assistant United States Trade Representative  
 for Europe and the Mediterranean.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

### Privacy Act of 1974: System of Records

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

**ACTION:** Notice to modify a system of records.

**SUMMARY:** DOT proposes to modify an existing system of records under the Privacy Act of 1974.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 20, 2004. If no comments are received, the proposal will become effective on the above date. If comments are received, the comments will be considered and, where adopted, the documents will be republished with changes.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments concerning this notice to Yvonne L. Coates, Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-6964 (telephone), (202) 366-7024 (fax) [Yvonne.Coates@ost.dot.gov](mailto:Yvonne.Coates@ost.dot.gov) (Internet address).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Theresa Rowlett, (202) 385-2316.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Transportation system of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the above mentioned address.

**SYSTEM NUMBER:**

DOT/FMCSA 03.

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Driver waiver/exemption file.

**SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:**

Unclassified, Sensitive.

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Office of Bus and Truck Standards and Operations, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; FMCSA Service Centers.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM OF RECORDS:**

Operators of interstate commercial motor vehicles who transport certain commodities and have been granted waivers/exemptions from normally-applicable safety requirements.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Applications for waiver, exemptions, final disposition of request for waiver/exemptions; and exemption renewal.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1984 (49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and TEA-21 (49 U.S.C. 31315).

**PURPOSES:**

Monitor drivers of commercial motor vehicles who operate in interstate commerce and have requested waivers to existing Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs).

The purpose of the information in these records is to make determinations concerning whether drivers who request exemptions from the medical standards in the FMCSRs should be permitted to operate a CMV in interstate commerce. The determination is based on drivers' medical records describing the impairment for which they are requesting an exemption, the ability to manage the impairment, and the demonstrated ability to operate a CMV in a safe manner with the impairment. This information, with augmentation and updating, is also used every two years to determine if the exemption should be renewed as is specified in TEA-21 (49 U.S.C. 31315). The use of the information in the various determinations is focused on insuring that the program is as safe or safer than the circumstance present in the absence of the program as is required in TEA-21 (49 U.S.C. 31315).

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

The records are used to monitor the drivers' performance throughout the period they have an exemption and are active in the program. Monitoring could be related to the drivers' medical condition or their driving performance. The records are also used to respond to Congressional inquiries about individuals in the program. Those authorized to use the information are the managers at FMCSA and the members of the contracting project team that supports the program.

See Prefatory Statement of General Routine Uses.

**DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:**

None.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

**STORAGE:**

The records are currently stored in two locations. The physical records are stored at a secure site located at the contracting company which supports the exemption program. The records are also stored in an electronic format on a