

this notice. Renewal of the exemption will enable these 11 drivers to continue to operate CMVs as part of a team of drivers to develop, design and/or test engines for vehicles that will be manufactured, assembled, sold or primarily used in the United States.

The drivers are: Shiro Fukuda, Wataru Kumakura, Takehito Yaguchi, Tsutomu Yamazaki, Toshiya Asari, Shintaro Moroi, Masaru Otsu, Satoru Amemiya, Tsuyoshi Koyama, Nobuyuki Miyazaki, and Hiroyoshi Takahashi. These drivers are a team of Isuzu engineers and technicians who operate CMVs in the United States to test and evaluate production and prototype CMVs to be sold for use on U.S. highways. Isuzu estimates that each driver will drive approximately 5,000 miles per year on U.S. roads. The drivers have valid Japanese-issued CDLs and are experienced CMV operators. Each of the drivers satisfied strict standards in order to obtain a CDL in Japan, and each has extensive CMV training and experience. Isuzu believes that the drivers will continue to achieve a level of safety equivalent to the level of safety that would be obtained absent the exemption. Isuzu states in its application for exemption that none of these drivers received any traffic citations or was involved in any accidents from the inception of the exemption on October 16, 2003, through the date of this application for renewal.

Method To Ensure an Equivalent or Greater Level of Safety

Drivers applying to obtain a Japanese-issued CDL must successfully pass a knowledge test and a skills test before a license to operate a CMV is issued. Prior to taking the tests, drivers are required to hold a conventional driver's license for at least three years. Thus, the requirements of a Japanese-issued CDL are considered comparable to, or at least as effective as, the requirements of 49 CFR part 383. The process of licensure in Japan assesses the driver's ability to operate a CMV in a manner comparable to the process of licensure employed by States of the United States. A driver granted a Japanese CDL may legally operate any CMV permitted on the roads of Japan; there are no limits on the type or weight of vehicles that may be operated by CMV drivers.

Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(4) and 31136(e), FMCSA requests public comment on Isuzu's request for renewal of the exemption of these 11 CMV drivers from the requirements of 49 CFR 383.23. The Agency requests that interested parties

with specific data concerning the safety record of drivers listed in this notice submit comments by August 1, 2008. FMCSA will review all comments received by close of business on this date. To the extent practicable, the Agency will consider comments received in the public docket after this date. Comments will be available for examination in the docket as described in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Issued on: June 26, 2008.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.
ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on February 22, 2008, and comments were due by April 22, 2008. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 1, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean McKeever, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. *Telephone:* 202-366-5737; or *e-mail:* jean.mckeever@dot.gov. Copies of this collection also can be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Title: Title XI Obligation Guarantees.
OMB Control Number: 2133-0018.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals/businesses interested in obtaining loan guarantees for construction or reconstruction of vessels as well as businesses interested in shipyard modernization and improvements.

Forms: MA-163, MA-163A.

Abstract: In accordance with the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, MARAD is authorized to execute a full faith and credit guarantee by the United States of debt obligations issued to finance or refinance the construction or reconstruction of vessels. In addition, the program allows for financing shipyard modernization and improvement projects.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 280 hours.

Addressees: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention MARAD Desk Officer.

Comments Are Invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Authority: 49 CFR 1.66.

Issued in Washington, DC on June 26, 2008.

Murray Bloom,

Acting Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket ID PHMSA-2008-0162]

Pipeline Safety: Dynamic Riser Inspection, Maintenance, and Monitoring Records on Offshore Floating Facilities.

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

ACTION: Notice; Issuance of Advisory Bulletin.

SUMMARY: To remind owners and operators of the importance of retaining inspection, maintenance, and monitoring records for dynamic risers located on offshore floating facilities.