

public interest to grant an exemption from certain process requirements in 49 CFR part 1572 related to STAs for HMEs. TSA based this determination on the need for commercial drivers with an HME to continue to work without interruption while supply chain pressures ease and TSA is able to address increasing HME enrollment volumes, which have impacted STA processing times. Extending the HME expiration date through this exemption would not compromise the current level of transportation security because TSA conducts recurrent security threat checks on HME holders and takes action to revoke an HME if derogatory information becomes available, regardless of expiration date. TSA uses data previously submitted by these individuals to conduct recurrent security threat vetting to ensure that they do not pose a security threat.

This exemption permits states to extend the expiration date for an HME for up to 180 days for eligible individuals with an HME that expires between July 1, 2022 and December 27, 2022, even if the individual did not initiate or complete submission of required information for an STA at least 60 days before expiration of the HME.<sup>12</sup> Consistent with the requirements in 49 CFR 1572.13(b), if the state grants an extension to an individual, the State must, if practicable, notify the individual that the state is extending the expiration date of the HME, the date that the extension will end, and the individual's responsibility to initiate the STA renewal process at least 60 days before the new expiration date. If it is not practicable for a State to give individualized notice to drivers, the state may publish general notice, for example, on the appropriate website.

The purpose of this exemption is to allow states to provide commercial drivers with up to six months of relief from action necessary to meet TSA's STA renewal requirements during a period of increased demand for commercial drivers. It allows for the 60 days TSA needs to complete processing of the individual's application for STA renewal once it is submitted. The exemption permits, but does not require, states to extend the expiration date for HMEs.

By permitting states to extend the expiration date of HMEs within the scope of this exemption, TSA better

positions states to ensure that CDL holders with HMEs will be able to continue to provide their critical services amid supply chain pressures and increased demand for STAs, licenses, and endorsements. TSA has determined that there is little risk to transportation security associated with the exemption. The exemption is subject to the following conditions:

(1) The extension applies only to individuals who currently hold an HME;

(2) The extension is for a limited time, dependent on the duration and scope of supply chain pressures and increased HME enrollment volumes for drivers, and subject to possible modification by TSA before the closure of the effective period; and

(3) TSA will continue to conduct security threat checks of these during the period of the extension and retain its full authority to immediately revoke or suspend an individual's STA (Determination of No Security Threat) and to order a state to revoke an individual's HME.<sup>13</sup>

#### Exemption

*State Exemption.* During the effective period of this exemption, states are exempt from the requirement in 49 CFR 1572.13(a) prohibiting renewal of an eligible individual's HME for a CDL, unless the state receives a new STA (Determination of No Security Threat) from TSA. For the duration of this exemption, a state may extend the expiration date of an eligible individual's HME for a period of no more than 180 days without a new STA. The state must notify each eligible individual that he or she is subject to an STA for renewal of the HME and that he or she must initiate the STA at least 60 days before the extended expiration date of the HME. If it is not practicable for a state to give individualized notice to drivers, the state may publish general notice, for example, on the appropriate website. TSA will continue to recurrently vet these individuals against terrorism and other governmental watch lists and databases and reserves authority under 49 CFR 1572.5(b) and 1572.13 to direct a state to revoke an individual's HME immediately and at any time.

For purposes of this exemption, an *eligible individual* is defined as an individual who held a valid, unexpired HME with an STA (Determination of No Security Threat) on or after July 1, 2022, which HME has expired or would otherwise expire between that date and

the close of the effective period of this exemption.

*Limits of Exemption.* This exemption does not apply to new HMEs nor does it affect any other requirements applicable to obtaining a commercial driver's license under 49 CFR parts 383 and 384.

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Acting Administrator.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2022-0110;  
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#### Foreign Endangered Species; Receipt of Permit Applications

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications to conduct certain activities with foreign species that are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. The ESA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to any endangered species.

**DATES:** We must receive comments by October 17, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Obtaining Documents:* The applications, application supporting materials, and any comments and other materials that we receive will be available for public inspection at <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2022-0110.

*Submitting Comments:* When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Internet:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2022-0110.

- *U.S. mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2022-0110; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: PRB/3W; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

<sup>12</sup> This exemption remains in effect through December 27, 2022, unless otherwise modified by TSA through a notice published in the **Federal Register**. TSA believes that the option for further modification, as noted above, provides clearer notice to and better certainty for states administering the program.

<sup>13</sup> See 49 CFR 1572.5(b) and 1572.13.

For more information, see Public Comment Procedures under

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Brenda Tapia, by phone at 703-358-2185 or via email at [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Public Comment Procedures**

*A. How do I comment on submitted applications?*

We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider comments sent by email, or to an address not in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**).

When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. Provide sufficient information to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations.

*B. May I review comments submitted by others?*

You may view and comment on others' public comments at <https://www.regulations.gov>, unless our allowing so would violate the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) or Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

*C. Who will see my comments?*

If you submit a comment at <https://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes

personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

**II. Background**

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we invite public comments on permit applications before final action is taken. With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits certain activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. Permits issued under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA allow otherwise prohibited activities for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected species. Service regulations regarding prohibited activities with endangered species, captive-bred wildlife registrations, and permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to any endangered species are available in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 17.

**III. Permit Applications**

We invite comments on the following applications.

*Applicant:* Miami-Dade Zoological Park and Gardens, Miami, FL; Permit No. PER0047993

The applicant requests a permit to export five captive-bred male Jamaican iguanas (*Cyclura collei*) from Zoo Miami, Miami, Florida, to the Frankfurt Zoo, Hessen, Germany, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single export.

*Applicant:* Dr. Marisa Tellez, Alhambra, CA; Permit No. PER0045589

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples collected from wild American crocodiles (*Crocodylus acutus*) from Stann Creek, Belize, for the purpose of scientific research. This notification is for a single import.

*Multiple Trophy Applicants*

The following applicants request permits to import sport-hunted trophies of male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus*)

culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species.

*Applicant:* Madeline Demaske, Greeley, CO; Permit No. 24619D

*Applicant:* Clinton Grube, Oconto, WI; Permit No. PER0048148

*Applicant:* Benard Hendrick, Odessa, TX; Permit No. PER0048159

*Applicant:* Geoffrey Corn, Springfield, CO; Permit No. 70482C

*Applicant:* Michael Towbin, Kirkland, WA; Permit No. 59012C

*Applicant:* Mathew Bell, Midland, TX; Permit No. 03114D

**IV. Next Steps**

After the comment period closes, we will make decisions regarding permit issuance. If we issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**. You may locate the notice announcing the permit issuance by searching <https://www.regulations.gov> for the permit number listed above in this document. For example, to find information about the potential issuance of Permit No. 12345A, you would go to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and search for "12345A".

**V. Authority**

We issue this notice under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations.

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*Supervisory Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

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**Self-Governance PROGRESS Act  
Negotiated Rulemaking Committee;  
Notice of Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of virtual public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Self-Governance PROGRESS Act Negotiated Rulemaking Committee (Committee), will hold their second virtual public meeting to negotiate and advise the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) on a proposed rule to