



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
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OFFICE OF  
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

### **EXEMPTION 2020-14A**

Pursuant to the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, regarding the existence of a disaster emergency throughout the Commonwealth, and pursuant to the March 13, 2020 determination by the President of the United States that an emergency exists nationwide under the Stafford Act, the Public Health Service Act and the National Emergencies Act, regarding the novel coronavirus (known as "COVID-19"), the Governor issued an Amended Specific Determination April 30, 2020, determining that to alleviate the emergency conditions it is necessary to modify compliance with certain provisions of Title 75, pursuant to 75 Pa. C.S. §6108. This Exemption applies to individuals who have a Hazardous Material Endorsement ("HME") that is scheduled to expire between March 6, 2020, and June 30, 2020. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation hereby issues the following exemption:

**TYPE OF OPERATION:** An individual who transports hazardous materials via commercial motor vehicle is required by Federal law, 49 CFR part 1572, to undergo a security threat analysis in order to be issued an HME under 75 Pa.C.S. § 1610. As part of the application process for renewal of an HME, the applicant must complete a security threat analysis no later than sixty (60) days before the current HME expires. 49 CFR part 1572.

**EXTENT OF EXEMPTION:** The expiration date of an HME for an individual who is a Pennsylvania-licensed commercial driver's license holder and who held a valid, unexpired HME with a determination of no security threat on or after March 6, 2020, is extended until June 30, 2020.

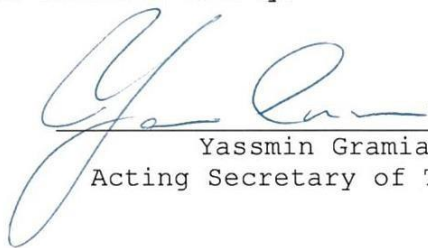
**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 6, 2020 0001 hours.

**TERMINATION DATE:** June 30, 2020 2359 hours.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**

1. An individual whose HME is extended in accordance with this exemption must initiate a security threat analysis no later than sixty (60) days before the extended expiration date of the individual's HME.
2. The Federal Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration, has authorized States to grant an extension for renewal of an HME. See:  
<https://dps.sd.gov/application/files/3015/8628/8498/notice-covid-19-hme-exemption-20200402.pdf>

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