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Mr. Robert C. Pritchard, Director
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Dear Mr. Pritchard:

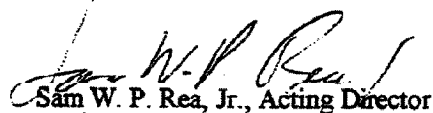
Thank you for your July 24, 1996, letter to Mr. Robert Redmond inquiring about the applicability of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) to employees of the United States Postal Service.

As Mr. Redmond discussed with Mr. Joe Williams, Assistant Director, Motor Vehicle Division, in a telephone conversation on July 23, 1996, the FMCSRs [see 49 CFR 390.3(a)] apply to all employees, employers, and commercial motor vehicles, which transport property or passengers in interstate commerce. There are several limited exceptions to the applicability of the FMCSRs [see 49 CFR 390.3(f)], including transportation performed by the Federal government, unless otherwise specifically provided in the FMCSRs.

Therefore, employees of the United States Postal Service are exempted from meeting these requirements, except for the commercial driver's license, if needed (see 49 CFR 383.3), and the controlled substances and alcohol use and testing (see 49 CFR 382.103) rules. While Federal employees are exempted from the majority of the FMCSRs, we have encouraged Federal employers to voluntarily adopt the requirements to promote safety on our Nation's highways.

For your information, we have enclosed copies of the FMCSRs sections referenced above. I hope this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,


Sam W. P. Rea, Jr., Acting Director
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Enclosures