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dangerous substances by common carriers (49 CFR parts 71 to 78) issued pursuant to the Act of June 25, 1948 (62 Stat. 739; 18 U.S.C. 835).

(3) An area meeting all of the criteria in paragraphs (b)(3) (i) through (iv) of this section shall be deemed a “non-explosives area”:

(i) None of the work performed in the area involves the handling or use of explosives;

(ii) The area is separated from the explosives area by a distance not less than that prescribed in the American Table of Distances for the protection of inhabited buildings;

(iii) The area is separated from the explosives area by a fence or is otherwise located so that it constitutes a definite designated area; and

(iv) Satisfactory controls have been established to prevent employees under 18 years of age within the area from entering any area in or about the plant which does not meet criteria of paragraphs (b)(3) (i) through (iii) of this section.

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§ 570.52 Occupations of motor-vehicle driver and outside helper (Order 2).

(a) Findings and declaration of fact. Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, the occupations of motor-vehicle driver and outside helper on any public road, highway, in or about any mine (including open pit mine or quarry), place where logging or sawmill operations are in progress, or in any excavation of the type identified in § 570.68(a) are particularly hazardous for the employment of minors between 16 and 18 years of age.

(b)(1) Exemption—Incidental and occasional driving. The findings and declaration in paragraph (a) of this section shall not apply to the operation of automobiles or trucks not exceeding 6,000 pounds gross vehicle weight if such driving is restricted to daylight hours; provided, such operation is only occasional and incidental to the minor’s employment; that the minor holds a State license valid for the type of driving involved in the job performed and has completed a State ap-

proved driver education course; and provided further, that the vehicle is equipped with a seat belt or similar restraining device for the driver and for each helper, and the employer has instructed each minor that such belts or other devices must be used. This paragraph shall not be applicable to any occupation of motor-vehicle driver which involves the towing of vehicles.

(2) Special exemption for school bus driving through 1995-1996 school year. The Secretary of Labor shall have the discretion to grant an exemption from the finding and declaration in paragraph (a) of this section for school bus driving by students on the basis of an application filed and approved by the Governor of the State in which the vehicle is registered, provided that such exemption can only be granted to a school district in which student drivers were employed under this exemption during the school years 1989-1990 and 1990-1991. An application for such school district may be filed for each school year up to and including school year 1995-1996, and thereafter school bus driving by students who are minors between 16 and 18 years of age will no longer be permitted. In evaluating the annual application for such exemption, the Secretary will consider the following:

(i) Whether the accident experience of school bus drivers under 18 years of age in the State, if any are employed, compares favorably with that of adult school bus drivers.

(ii) Whether school bus drivers are selected by the school principal and approved by the county superintendent or an official of equivalent responsibility.

(iii) Whether school bus drivers are required to have completed a State approved driver education course, or a special school bus driver training course prior to being allowed to transport passengers.

(iv) Whether training and testing of school bus drivers includes classroom and behind-the-wheel training and is done by qualified officials.

(v) Whether school bus drivers are required to pass a physical examination.

(vi) Whether the operation of school buses is supervised by the school principal, the transportation or other

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equivalent officer, and State, county, or city police.

(vii) Whether school buses are thoroughly inspected a minimum of four times a year at a State, district, or county inspection station and receive maintenance and repairs at regular intervals to ascertain and insure their safe operating conditions on a continuous basis, and that all inspections, maintenance, and repairs are performed by qualified inspectors and mechanics.

(viii) Whether school bus drivers are provided with and required to use seat belts.

(ix) Whether adequate measures are taken by State and local officials to control the speed of school buses in order to insure that the buses are not driven at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent.

(x) Whether adult chaperons, approved by local school authorities, accompany school bus drivers on special activity trips sponsored by the school.

(xi) Whether the school buses conform substantially to the minimum Standards for School Buses, 1964 Revised Edition, recommended by the National Conference on School Transportation and published by the National Education Association.

(xii) Any other factors with the Secretary may find relevant in evaluating the application for exemption.

(c) *Definitions.* For the purpose of this section:

(1) The term *motor vehicle* shall mean any automobile, truck, truck-tractor, trailer, semitrailer, motorcycle, or similar vehicle propelled or drawn by mechanical power and designed for use as a means of transportation but shall not include any vehicle operated exclusively on rails.

(2) The term *driver* shall mean any individual who, in the course of employment, drives a motor vehicle at any time.

(3) The term *outside helper* shall mean any individual, other than a driver, whose work includes riding on a motor vehicle outside the cab for the purpose of assisting in transporting or delivering goods.

(4) The term *gross vehicle weight* includes the truck chassis with lubricants, water and a full tank or tanks of

fuel, plus the weight of the cab or driver's compartment, body and special chassis and body equipment, and payload.

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§ 570.53 Coal-mine occupations (Order 3).

(a) *Finding and declaration of fact.* All occupations in or about any coal mine, except the occupation of slate or other refuse picking at a picking table or picking chute in a tippie or breaker and occupations requiring the performance of duties solely in offices or in repair or maintenance shops located in the surface part of any coal-mining plant, are particularly hazardous for the employment of minors between 16 and 18 years of age.

(b) *Definitions.* For the purpose of this section:

(1) The term *coal* shall mean any rank of coal including lignite, bituminous, and the anthracite coals.

(2) The term *all occupations in or about any coal mine* shall mean all types of work performed in any underground working, open-pit, or surface part of any coal-mining plant, that contribute to the extraction, grading, cleaning, or other handling of coal.

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§ 570.54 Logging occupations and occupations in the operation of any sawmill, lath mill, shingle mill, or cooperage stock mill (Order 4).

(a) *Finding and declaration of fact.* All occupations in logging and all occupations in the operation of any sawmill, lath mill, shingle mill, or cooperage-stock mill are particularly hazardous for the employment of minors between 16 and 18 years of age, except the following:

(1) Exceptions applying to logging:

(i) Work in offices or in repair or maintenance shops.

(ii) Work in the construction, operation, repair, or maintenance of living and administrative quarters of logging camps.

(iii) Work in timber cruising, surveying, or logging-engineering parties; work in the repair or maintenance of