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Albany, New York

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TO: All Enforcement Agencies and Magistrates

SUBJECT: Extension of the Hazardous Materials Endorsement Requirements

Federal hazardous material requirements have been extended by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). Individuals with a hazardous materials endorsement (HME) that expired March 1, 2020 or later have additional time to be fingerprinted to complete the background check required for TSA's security threat assessment.

Individuals whose HME expired prior to March 1, 2020 are not granted additional time to meet TSA requirements.

The provisions above apply to HMEs that expire in the period from March 1, 2020 to July 31, 2020. Pursuant to the guidance provided by TSA, HMEs that expire in this period and could not be renewed timely due to the COVID-19 emergency are considered valid through July 31, 2020. These provisions may be extended on a future date based on further guidance issued by the TSA.

For more information, please visit the Federal Register:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/04/08/2020-07340/exemption-from-renewal-of-the-hazardous-materials-endorsement-security-threat-assessment-for-certain>

Please share this information with appropriate staff. Thank you.

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Commissioner