What You Need to Know!!

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations

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Topics

• Am I subject to the “DOT” rules?
• Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations
  – Drivers
  – Vehicles
• Operational Impact
Are we or aren’t we?

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) apply to all employers, employees and commercial motor vehicles transporting property or passengers in interstate commerce.

Commercial Motor Vehicle

- CMV - transports persons or property in interstate commerce to further a commercial enterprise, and is:
  - Over 10,001 pounds GVWR, GCWR, or actual weight, or
  - Transports passengers
    - For Hire: more than 8
    - Private: more than 15, or
  - Transport Hazardous Materials that requires placarding
But in Indiana...

- Indiana adopts the FMCSRs
  - 10,001 pounds GVWR, GCWR, Actual Weight

- Except...
  - CMVs 26,000 or less
  - Used exclusively in Indiana
  - Not used For-Hire
  - Not designed or used to transport 16 or more passengers

CMV?
CMV?

FMCSR

• Part 390 – General
• Driver
  – Part 391 – Driver Qualification
  – Part 392 – Driving
  – Part 395 – Hours of Service
• Vehicle
  – Part 393 – Equipment
  – Part 396 – Maintenance
Part 390: General

- Insurance
- Marking of CMVs
  - Signs and Lettering
- Definitions
- Accident Registers
- Emergency Relief

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Part 391: Qualification

- Minimum standards for drivers
- Physical Qualification
- Safety History
- Driver Qualification Files
- Annual Certification paperwork
Part 392: Driving

• Required
  – Seatbelt use
  – Pre-trip Inspection
  – Emergency Equipment

• Prohibited
  – Cell Phone/Texting
  – Alcohol/Drugs
  – Radar Detectors
  – Unauthorized Passengers
  – Ill/Fatigued

Part 395: Hours of Service

• Maximum Hours
  – Driving Hours
  – On-Duty Hours
  – Weekly Hours

• Log Books/ELD

• Exceptions
  – Local driving
  – Construction
Part 393: Equipment

- Brakes
- Lights
- Tires and wheels
- Steering
- Frames
- Fuel systems
- Coupling devices
- Parts and Accessories
- Load Securement

Part 396: Maintenance

- Maintenance Files
  - Identifying information
  - Track maintenance on vehicle
- Periodic (Annual) Inspection
- Driver Vehicle Inspection Report
  - Post Trip
CDL

• Threshold 26,001 GVWR or Actual Weight
  – Class A
  – Class B
  – Class C

• Endorsements
  – Cargo
  – Vehicle Type

Drug and Alcohol

• Applicability

• Testing
  – Pre-Employment
  – Random
  – Reasonable Suspicion
    • Supervisor Training
  – Post-Crash
  – Return to Duty
  – Follow-up

• Policy
Roadside Inspections

- Level 1, 2 and 3
- No Violations!
- Violations found
  - Information uploaded to CSA program
  - Violations must be repaired before re-dispatch
- Out-of-Service Violations
  - Increased weight assigned in CSA Program
  - Driver: can’t drive until violation ceases
  - Vehicle: can’t be driven until violation repaired
Audits

• Safety Audits
  – New carrier 2003 and after
  – Pass/Fail

• Compliance Reviews
  – Triggered by scores, crashes, or complaints
  – Focused or Full Review
  – Safety Fitness Determination
    • May result in a cease and desist order
    • May result in fines
Questions?

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