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April 10, 2020

FMCSA Extends and Expands Emergency Declaration

On April 8, 2020, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) extended and expanded its emergency declaration. The Emergency Declaration, which had been issued to move essential supplies more efficiently to combat the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, was first issued on March 13, 2020. The initial declaration waived hours-of-service requirements for drivers carrying essential supplies such as food and medical equipment to help fight the coronavirus. Subsequent declarations have expanded the scope of essential goods as well as waived other portions of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs).

In its latest declaration, the FMCSA is expanding its list of essential services to now include the transportation of liquefied gases to be used in cooling or refrigeration systems. Additionally, the declaration extends the exemption from FMCSRs 390-399 through May 15, 2020, as the exemption was set to expire on April 12. Finally, the exemption clarified that, while the agency is exempting operators from certain FMCSRs, operators are not exempt from 49 C.F.R. 392.2—relating to operation of commercial motor vehicles in accordance with state laws such as speed limits and traffic restrictions—or 49 C.F.R. 392.3—relating to operation of a commercial motor vehicle due to a driver’s alertness being so impaired or likely to become impaired due to fatigue or illness that would make it unsafe for him/her to continue driving. You may view the complete emergency declaration issued by FMCSA by [clicking here](#).



National Work Zone Awareness Week April 20-24

National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is an annual spring campaign held at the start of construction season to encourage safe driving through highway work zones and construction sites. The key message is for drivers to use extra caution in work zones. [For more information, click here.](#)

CDC & CISA Guidance for Essential Workers

On April 9, 2020, the Centers for



Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) released an important update regarding the continued health, safety, and protection of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers who may have been exposed to COVID-19. In their update, they outlined the do's and don'ts for employers and employees as they relate to COVID-19 exposures.

You may view the list by [clicking here](#).

The update also included an *Interim Guidance for Implementing Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to a Person with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19*, which specifically calls attention to critical infrastructure workers serving in the specific capacities and functions. The guidance may apply to all critical infrastructure workers with the exception of Healthcare Providers who are covered under [separate guidance](#).

You may view the Interim Guidance by [clicking here](#).

TRALA strongly recommends that TRALA members implement the recommendations in the Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers, to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019, to help prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace and to better protect their business.

You may view the CDC's most current medical guidance by [clicking here](#).

How do I disinfect the cab of a unit where my driver tested positive for COVID-19 or advises they have been in contact with someone that is positive in their household?



The American Trucking Association Technology Maintenance Council (TMC) has updated the Recommended Practice (RP) 443 In-Cab Cleaning and Deodorizing Guidelines provide fleets a method for establishing a proper vehicle interior cleaning program. The study group issued these updates to help reduce the chance of spreading bacterial and viral germs, the COVID-19 virus.

Please [click here](#) to review RP 443.

Free Driver COVID-19 Training Video

Training provider Instructional Technologies Inc. (ITI), is offering a free course for drivers on COVID-19 safety. [COVID-19: What Drivers Need To Know](#) helps drivers understand the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Idealease is posting this link as a resource that may be considered by the industry. It does not imply any endorsement of the company or its services.

FMCSA Grants Temporary Authority for Carriers Helping During Pandemic



Idealease and the National Private Truck Council NPTC will again be hosting safety seminars in 2020. The one-day seminar this year will focus on new safety technologies available on trucks today, basic safety and compliance, regulation changes, load securement and CSA. The seminars and will be provided to all Idealease customers, potential customers and NPTC members at no charge. The seminar provides important information applicable for both the novice and experienced transportation professionals.



Spring Dates

7/22/2020 Santa Rosa, CA

Fall Dates

8/27/2020 Nashville, TN
 9/23/2020 Brantford, ON
 9/23/2020 Indianapolis, IN
 9/29/2020 Fort Wayne, IN
 10/1/2020 Oklahoma City, OK
 10/7/2020 Eugene, OR
 10/13/2020 Charlottesville, VA
 10/20/2020 Dallas, TX
 10/22/2020 Birmingham, AL
 10/29/2020 Phoenix, AZ

Please [Click Here](#) to view a schedule of Safety Seminars offered.



The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is waiving application fees for motor carriers and passenger carriers applying for Temporary Operating Authority during the coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency declaration. Temporary authority is issued to help carriers seeking to provide direct assistance

during an emergency, but that do not have the proper for-hire authority to do so.

When applying for temporary authority, carriers are asked to select the inquiry type option "Emergency Authority COV19" under the drop down for "MC/MX# Operating Authority" via the upload process on the FMCSA website.

FMCSA has indicated that authority applications should be processed within 48 business hours of receipt. Even though the emergency application process is accelerated, authority will not be granted until the carrier's evidence of insurance and BOC-3 form (designation of process agents) are on file with FMCSA.

When applying for temporary authority, carriers are required to provide a statement on why they need temporary operating authority, per §365.107T(g).

The temporary authority is only active as long as the emergency declaration is in effect. All temporary authorities are revoked once the emergency declaration expires.

A carrier must have a USDOT number before applying for emergency temporary authority. Carriers who are currently declared out of service by the FMCSA are not eligible for temporary authority.

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