



RE: REGULATORY NOTICE

ON JUNE 18, 1998 FHWA issued a major Final Rule concerning the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR). This rule removes, adds and/or modifies approximately 93 requirements and references in the FMCSR. These changes become effective on July 20, 1998. It is strongly recommended that you take the time to review the attached highlighted copy of the Federal Register, to understand which changes directly affect your company and its operations.

A sample of the changes contained within this Final Rule include the following:

- **REDEFINING “REGULARLY-EMPLOYED DRIVER” WITH THE NEW TERM “SINGLE-EMPLOYER DRIVER”**
- **CREATION OF 391.13 (RESPONSIBILITIES OF DRIVERS)**
- **REQUIREMENT FOR ALL CARGO TANK DRIVERS TO RECEIVE A ROAD TEST FROM THE CARRIER WITH PROPER DOCUMENTATION.**
- **REQUIREMENT FOR CARRIERS TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE DRIVERS ABSTRACT AS PART OF THE ANNUAL REVIEW UNDER 391.25.**
- **REMOVAL OF 392.13 AND 392.15 REQUIREMENTS**
- **REMOVAL OF 396.11(C)(3) REQUIREMENT FOR A COPY OF THE DVIR TO BE CARRIED ON THE UNIT.**

On page 33273 you will find a table of the regulations and terms effected by this Final Rule and there new designations. You should take the time to copy this table for a quick reference until revised copies of the FMCSR are printed and distributed.

As noted earlier, the effective date of these changes is 7/20/98 and time is against us. Be advised that we have written to FHWA advising them that we believe it is improper to set the effective date of 7/20/98 for the Annual Review changes. It is our contention that thirty days (30) notice is to short for a carrier to get the word out that they must have copies of the drivers abstract, obtain such documents from the states, and place them in the file as part of the Annual Review.

If there are any questions on the above, please contact our office directly at (609) 426-0555, between the hours of 9 AM and 5 PM, Monday through Friday.

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