ANNOUNCEMENT EFFECTIVE DATE - NEW HOURS OF SERVICE REGULATIONS

FEDERAL CARRIERS

Any carrier that has had a commercial vehicle operating under their Safety Certificate that has crossed a provincial border is considered as a Federal Carrier.

Hours of Service rules are changing effective January 1, 2007.

Federal carriers will be required to comply with the new rules starting January 1, 2007.

Web sites to access for more information are:

Application Guide - http://www.ccmta.ca/english/pdf/hos_application_guide.pdf
Federal Rule - http://canadagazette.gc.ca
Commercial Vehicles Hours of Service NSC Web Presentation - http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/cvse/national_safety_code.htm

INTRA-PROVINCIAL CARRIERS

An intra-provincial carrier is considered as one that has their vehicles base plated in British Columbia and has only operated within the province.

New provincial Hours of Service rules are targeted for implementation in early March, 2007. The provincial rules will generally mirror the Federal rules.

Intra-provincial carriers will need to operate within the current rules until the new provincial regulation becomes effective.

CVSE staff will continue to work with carriers to assist in the transition to the new rules. Provincial carriers who wish to operate under the new Hours of Service regime should contact:

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