

Client Services Update



January 2006

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Process Agent Notices

The FMCSA has updated the database that stores information on Process Agents. If your company was granted Operating Authority more than 10 years ago, you may receive a notice from the FMCSA requesting that you update your Process Agent information. Do not ignore this notice as your Operating Authority will be revoked if you do not provide a new Process Agent listing to the FMCSA.

A Process Agent is a designated representative who will accept court papers on behalf of your company; you must have a Process Agent in each state that your company travels through- this is normally a list of names of qualified individuals with their contact information. Please contact Fleet Safety with any questions you may have on obtaining Process Agent listings.



Have you checked your SafeStat Score Recently?

Information about your company's trucking safety record that has been gathered by the Federal Government is available at the SafeStat website:

<http://www.ai.volpe.dot.gov/SafeStat/SafeStatMain.asp>. Check up and compare your records to the information shown on the Roadside Inspections, violations and Out of Service information that has been collected - sometimes there are data entry errors - that will contribute to your company's overall safety rating.

If you find an error on your company's SafeStat report, it can be corrected using the DataQ's system. The Data's system is an electronic means for filing concerns about Federal and State data released to the public by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). Through this system, data concerns are automatically forwarded to the appropriate office for resolution. The system also allows filers to monitor the status of each filing.

The web address for DataQ's is <http://dataqs.fmcsa.dot.gov/login.asp>. You will need to register with DataQ's to use the website; once you have registered, you will be able to provide evidence of the error and either fax or attach scanned documents as proof that the records should be changed. If you have any questions on the use of DataQ's or would like assistance in resolving an error you have found on your SafeStat report, please contact Fleet Safety.

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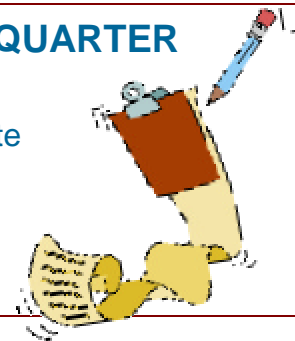
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RANDOM TESTING SELECTIONS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER WILL BE DONE IN JANUARY.

Please help us to ensure that your pick list is accurate
by confirming the names of your drivers
on your monthly email driver status report.

Thank you!



REVISION OF SHIPPING PAPER RETENTION REQUIREMENTS

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 9, 2006

Under the HMR, each person who provides a shipping paper must retain a copy of the shipping paper for 375 days after the hazardous material is accepted by the initial carrier. Each carrier must also retain a copy of the shipping paper for 375 days. The Act amends § 5110 of Federal hazmat law to require shippers to retain a copy of a shipping paper for a period of two years after the shipping paper is provided to a carrier and to require carriers to retain a copy of a shipping paper for a period of one year after the date the shipping paper is received from the shipper. Therefore, the Federal Government is revising §§ 172.201(e), 174.24, 175.30, 176.24, and 177.817 of the HMR to incorporate the shipping paper retention requirements in the Act. For purposes of shipping paper retention, a year is calculated from the exact date the shipping paper is provided to the initial carrier until the same date the following year. For example, a carrier who receives a shipping paper on October 1, 2006, must retain a copy of the shipping paper through September 30, 2007. Shippers and carriers of a hazardous waste must continue to retain a shipping paper for 3 years after the material is accepted by the initial carrier.

QUICK REVIEW OF A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CARRIER'S MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- SHIPPING PAPER
- PLACARD AND MARK VEHICLE
- LOADING AND UNLOADING
- COMPATIBILITY
- BLOCKING AND BRACING
- INCIDENT REPORTING
- SECURITY PLAN
- EMPLOYEE TRAINING

The list above contains some of the major responsibilities of HM carriers. Carrier and offeror (shipper) responsibilities frequently overlap. When a motor carrier performs a shipper function, the carrier is responsible for performing that function in accordance with 49 CFR. The cargo space of the vehicle should be suitable for the material being shipped. The vehicle itself must be in sound mechanical condition. The carrier must check to insure that the material offered by the shipper is properly described and packaged. In addition to the provisions of 49 CFR Parts 100-180, interstate motor carriers of placarded loads must comply with the hazardous materials requirements in 49 CFR Part 397.