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April 2006

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CVSA Operation Air Brake will take place in May, the date has not been announced. CVSA Road Check 2006 will be held June 6-8.

Special Notice About ChoicePoint Services

Many of our clients subscribe to ChoicePoint (Informus) Services in order to obtain Motor Vehicle Reports (driving abstracts) and background checks. ChoicePoint waives enrollment fees and expedites the application process for Fleet Safety clients. We have been notified that ChoicePoint will be changing the system we are all currently using to a more powerful web based system. In addition to increased security, the new system will provide users with the ability to access information from more states and, in the case of criminal background checking, a faster and more thorough search.

If you are a ChoicePoint subscriber, (through Fleet Safety or independently), you are likely to be contacted directly by ChoicePoint to verify information related to your account and business. ChoicePoint is in the process of checking and verifying all subscriber accounts as part of their upgraded security program. In addition, your company will need to complete a new ChoicePoint application, including state permission forms. Fleet Safety will be helping to get updated applications to each of our clients over the next several months. The move to the new system for our clients is expected to take most of the second quarter. Access to your current ChoicePoint account will not be affected during the changeover.

Substance Testing for Canadian Drivers

Drivers who fall under U.S. DOT requirements can be tested per those requirements, whether or not they are citizens of the United States. If any driver tests positive, the employer must accommodate the needs of that driver, including providing medical testing, counseling, and reassignment to a job that does not affect safety. According to Canadian Law, this responsibility can be waived if the employer demonstrates that it would create an undue hardship because of the cost, or would create a serious health or safety risk

IFTA FUEL TAX REMINDER

All mileage reports and fuel receipts must be submitted to our office by **APRIL 10** to ensure that your tax forms are completed and returned to you before the filing deadline. We cannot guarantee that your taxes will be completed in time for the APRIL 31 deadline if we receive your information after April 10. **Thank you!**

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Motor Vehicle Haulers:

Have You Checked Your Insurance Coverage Recently?

Question: Are motor vehicles being transported considered to be HM for purposes of the financial responsibility requirements, thus requiring the higher limits set forth in the regulations?

Answer: Yes. Even though vehicles being transported by motor vehicle are subject only to 49 CFR 173.220 of the HMRs, they meet the definition of "Hazardous material" in 49 CFR 171.8 because "Vehicle, flammable gas powered" and "Vehicle, flammable liquid powered" are designated as hazardous in 49 CFR 172.101 [UN 3166]. For that reason, vehicles transporting other vehicles would have to carry \$1,000,000 of public liability insurance.

HAZMAT ALERT

HazMat Haulers: Have you checked the accuracy of the emergency telephone numbers on your shipping papers? A HazMat shipper was recently fined \$500 when, at a roadside inspection, a law enforcement officer dialed the number listed on the shipping papers, only to discover that the number was not working!

Remember, HazMat Emergency numbers must be answered 24/7.



The Flu is Coming - is your company prepared?

In the event of pandemic influenza, businesses will play a key role in protecting employees' health and safety as well as limiting the negative impact to the economy and society. Planning for pandemic influenza is critical. Companies that provide critical infrastructure services, such as power and telecommunications, also have a special responsibility to plan for continued operation in a crisis and should plan accordingly. As with any catastrophe, having a contingency plan is essential. For more information, log on to: <http://www.pandemicflu.gov/>

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR DRIVER LISTS ARE UP TO DATE
Second Quarter Random Testing Selections will be sent out in Mid-April
Don't forget to Fax or Mail copies of Alcohol Tests to Fleet Safety at:
Fleet Safety Services, 18 John Street Place, Worcester MA 01609
Fax: 508 831 7611 or 508 459 4805