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The Two Hour Rule: Fact or Urban Legend?

Over the years, many safety-sensitive employees (drivers) have grown to believe that once they have been notified of their selection for DOT random testing, they have at least two hours before being required to complete their test.

NOT TRUE! Once an employee is notified, he or she must proceed immediately to the collection site. Immediately means that after notification, all the safety sensitive employee's actions must lead to an immediate specimen collection. Why? For the integrity of the test results.

But how do employers ensure this? A best practice of many companies is to develop random testing policies that clearly state what activities are acceptable after notification. That way there is not misunderstanding among employees. For example, if an employee is notified of a random test while working "off site" or "on the road", the company's policies should spell out exactly what the employee is to do before resuming safety sensitive functions.

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TRAVELING INTO OR OUT OF CANADA?

Some things you may want to know :

The US Customs and Border Agency has instituted a Bar-coding system for ALL loads entering into the United States. This system is called the PAPS System. It requires all loads entering to be accompanied by a Manifest with a Regulated Barcode. This is mandatory and carriers could face up to \$5,000 dollars in fines!

The United States is not the only one with this idea. Canada has implemented their version of this bar-code program. The U.S.— Canada program is called the PARS system. This is also a set of required bar-codes for easy entrance into Canada. Although the PARS program is not yet mandatory, it allows for drivers to enter easily with little wait at the border. Remember, when your truck is empty, traveling in either direction, the bar-code and manifest are not required.

For More information about getting setup with the PAPS / PARS programs call Mina at Fleet Safety Services. 1-800-215-2490.

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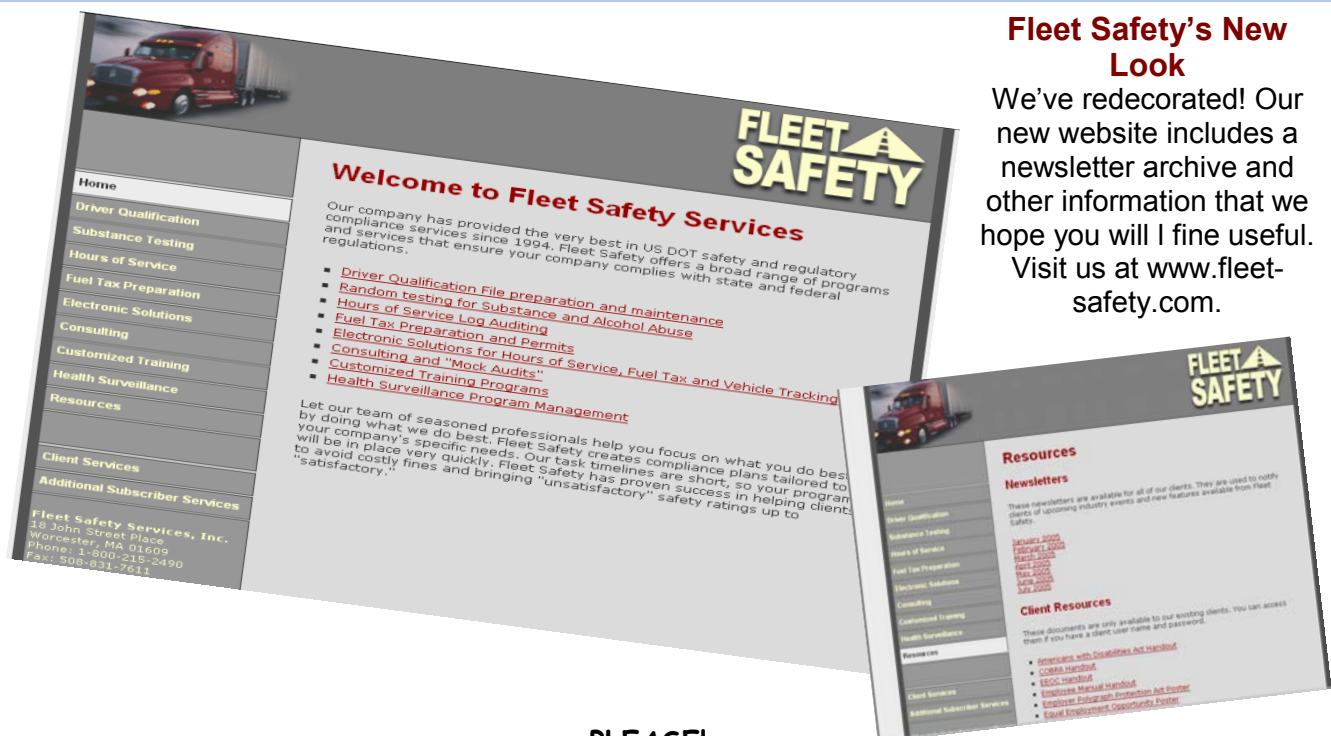
Marking of Commercial Motor Vehicles

Q: What are the requirements for letters and numbers of commercial motor vehicle markings?

A: A. On June 2, 2000, the Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration issued a final rule on Commercial Motor Vehicle Marking. It states that every self-propelled CMV must display:

- The legal name or a single trade name of the motor carrier operating the CMV, as listed on the motor carrier identification report.
- The motor carrier identification number issued by the FMCSA, preceded by the letters "USDOT".
- If the name of any person other than the operating carrier appears on the CMV, the name of the operating carrier must be followed by the above information and be preceded by the words "operated by".
- The marking must also: appear on both sides of the self-propelled CMV; be in letters that contrast sharply in color with the background on which the letters are placed; be readily legible, during daylight hours, from a distance of 50 feet while the CMV is stationary, and maintained in a manner that retains this legibility
- The marking may be painted on the CMV or may consist of a removable device, if that device meets the above identification and legibility requirements. CMVs that were part of a motor carriers existing fleet on July 3, 2000 and which are not marked with the legal name or a single trade name on both sides of their CMVs as shown on the Motor Carrier Identification Report must come into compliance by July 5, 2005. All CMVs added to a motor carriers fleet on or after July 3, 2000 must meet these requirements before being put into service and operating on public ways.

NOTE: Additional marking rules apply to CMV's making deliveries in New York City. No commercial motor vehicle may stand or park in any location unless the name and address of the owner as shown on the registration certificate is plainly marked on both sides of the vehicle in letters and numbers not less than 3 inches in height. This is especially important to consider if you lease or rent a vehicle to make deliveries in New York City.



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