



Waterloo, ON: CMV Safety Consulting is proud to debut our first quarterly newsletter. We have recognized that many of our clients do not hear of all the changes in this industry and in legislation. As such we decided the best way to help keep you all informed was through a newsletter. We will send this out every quarter with industry information. We will on occasion as warranted send out newsletters in between the quarterly editions if there is pertinent information that cannot wait for the regular issue. Please let us know your feedback on this newsletter and if you would like to hear about a particular topic feel free to email us so we can cover it in a future issue. The newsletter will also be posted on our website www.cmvsafety.ca If you would like to be removed from the newsletter email list please send us an email at admin@cmvsafety.ca

Christmas Hours: CMV will be closed from 5pm December 24th 2008 until 7am January 8th 2009. During this time you can still reach Brian via email bbotham@cmvsafety.ca or by cell at 519-533-3656.

Renewal of the CVOR: The Ministry of Transport on December 1st 2008 announced that all carriers will have to renew their CVOR Certificate. All CVOR holders will be issued a renewal date over a two year transition period. Carriers will be required to renew annually after the transition period is completed. Any carrier who renewed in the first year of the transition will receive an expiry date of 2 years and any carrier who renewed in the 2nd year of the transition will receive a 1 year expiry. Once the transition period is completed carriers who have a satisfactory or excellent rating will be required to renew every 2 years and all other carriers will be required to renew yearly.

The MTO will send each carrier a renewal notice 60 days prior to expiry (90 days during the transition period). Any carrier that does not renew their CVOR before the expiry date will be liable to a fine and possible imprisonment under section 21(2) of the Highway Traffic Act. As well an officer may in fact detain the truck and trailer and seize the plates.

The fee associated with the CVOR renewal is as follows:

\$250.00 New Application for CVOR or to re-instate the CVOR after it has been invalid for more than 12 months, or to re-instate the CVOR that has been terminated after its expiry date

\$100.00 A one time fee to convert a non-expiring CVOR to an expiring CVOR during the transition period

\$50.00 Annual renewal after the two year conversion period

Please contact us for help on renewing your CVOR or to make changes to your fleet size. Remember you should obtain a Level II CVOR every month to ensure you are aware of any and all entries that appear on the CVOR.

Speed Limiters: Well like it or not it looks like speed limiters will be law as of January 1st 2009 in Ontario and Quebec. In a nutshell here is what that means for all of you. You must ensure that any truck over 11,794kgs gross vehicle weight and manufactured after 1994 must have the speed governed to a maximum of 105km/hr. The maximum speed must be electronically limited to 105km/hr. and cannot be changed by the driver at any time. Enforcement officers will be equipped with handheld units which will allow them to plug into the trucks computer to verify the speed has been limited to 105km/hr. There are still debates raging over the access to information that the enforcement officers will have when checking the speed limiter. We will keep you updated as they play out. Ontario is proposing a 6 month educational enforcement period which will allow carriers the time to limit their vehicles. Quebec has stated they will probably mirror Ontario's educational enforcement period. There are a number of vehicles that are exempt from the regulation; they are as follows; buses, mobile cranes, motor homes, a CMV manufactured before 1995, any CMV with a GVWR less than 11794kgs and emergency vehicles such as ambulances, fire trucks etc. To view the actual legislation go to www.e-Laws.gov.on.ca and type in 396/08.

Hands Free Cell Phones: Here is another one that Ontario will probably enact for January 1 2009. That is a ban on cell phone use while driving. As well there will be a ban on texting, and using blackberry type devices, I-pods and manual gps units while driving. A person using a hands free device such as a head set or Bluetooth would be permitted to use their phone while driving (not that there is any difference in the distraction level according to numerous studies) but the law does not have any concessions for 10-4 or Mike type technology, which is used by many transport companies to keep in touch with their drivers. Apparently the OTA is lobbying the provincial government to allow those concessions for 10-4 or Mike phones. Again we will keep you updated as this unfolds.

USDOT Numbers Enforced in Michigan: Michigan State Police and DOT have announced that beginning January 1 2009 they will enforce the requirement that all trucks have their US DOT number prominently displayed on the side of the truck. The regulation reads that a carrier must display their US DOT number on both sides of the truck in a colour that is contrasted to the trucks colour and can be read clearly from a distance of 50' during daylight hours. So make sure your DOT number can be seen clearly!

CBP Border Crossing Decals: If you have tried to renew your border crossing decal in the last few weeks you are probably experiencing serious issues. The new website “Decal and Transponder Online Procurement System” (DTOPS) was delayed in launching and has since suffered serious technical issues. However CBP has now announced that due to the backlog they will not be enforcing the border crossing fee for January 1 – January 31 as long as certain conditions apply.

1. Any truck that has a 2008 transponder but no 2009 transponder will not have to pay the \$10.75 border crossing fee. The 2008 transponders will still be active
2. Any truck that does not have a 2008 transponder but can show proof that they have paid for a 2009 transponder by way of providing a copy of their receipt from DTOPS or the National Finance Center or another message from the DTOPS website which shows application pending will not have to pay the \$10.75 border crossing fee.
3. Any truck without a 2008 transponder or proof of payment as mentioned above will have to pay the \$10.75 processing fee at the border.

FAST Cards On-Line

US Customs Border Protection has launched an on-line web portal for fast drivers to renew their FAST card. Drivers applying for the first time are encouraged to use the online web portal as well.

- On or after December 8, 2008 every current FAST driver can create an account in the Global Online Enrolment System (GOES), which will permit update of certain personal information on file with FAST. **There is no fee for creating a GOES account.** The driver should go to <https://goes-app.cbp.dhs.gov/> and click the FAST logo for instructions.
- Each driver should validate the mailing address they submitted to FAST. Whether in GOES or at a FAST enrolment center, drivers have until February 1, 2009 to update their address.
- Please note that US/CANADA FAST Drivers only also have the option of contacting the Canadian Processing Centre to provide address updates using the 1-800-842-7647 telephone number between the hours of 8:30 am -16:30 pm Eastern Standard Time (EST) or by fax to (905) 354-2332.
- By March 2009, current U.S. / Canada FAST drivers will begin receiving replacement FAST cards at the address on file with the program.
- While not a FAST requirement, drivers can reduce release delays by keeping their commercial driver's license information updated via GOES from December 8, 2008.

Applying to FAST Driver, Renewing and Replacing Cards from December 8, 2008

- New FAST applications and renewals should be filed online using GOES.
- U.S. / Canada FAST drivers, at their option, may still apply / renew by mail.
- No FAST cards will be printed at any enrolment center. U.S. / Canada FAST cards will be mailed. U.S. / Mexico FAST cards will be sent to enrolment centers for pickup.
- Defective cards can be turned in at an enrolment center for free replacement.
- Drivers may replace a lost, stolen or damaged FAST card in person or via GOES for \$25.

Finally: We hope you have enjoyed the first issue of the CMV Safety Consulting Newsletter. Please feel free to email us your thoughts and or suggestions.