



# THE IFTA NEWS

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## TAX RATE CHANGES

Listed below are the Tax Rate **Changes** for **2nd Quarter 2008**. Only those jurisdictions which have changes are listed, along with the fuel type that has changed. The deadline for changes is June 2 at midnight.

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	Gas	Diesel	Gasohol	Prop	LNG	CNG	Ethanol	Methanol	E85	M85	A55	BioD
MA				.2970	.2970	.2970						
MN	.2200	.2200	.2200	.1650	.1320	.2200	.2200	.2200	.1562	.1254	.2200	.2200



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# 2008 Ballots

The 2008 IFTA Ballot Proposals are now posted on our website for the first comment period. This year, seven (7) Full Track ballot proposals have been submitted for your review/comment. The 45-day comment period ends on [May 23, 2008](#).

Posted below is the Intent of each of the ballots being proposed this year. To review the ballot proposals in their entirety and to make comments on these ballots, visit the IFTA, Inc. website at [www.iftach.org](http://www.iftach.org).

## **FTPBP #1-2008**

The intent of this ballot is to make the changes necessary to facilitate the electronic exchange of funds among participating jurisdictions. As a practical matter, many jurisdictions often fail to transmit at least some funds timely. This proposal acknowledges the difficulty of processing all returns received in a month and transmitting the funds on time. The intent of this ballot is to allow seven more days to process returns; upload transmittal information to the Clearinghouse; to review the funds netting; and to make a payment or receive funds that may be due. For non-participating jurisdictions, the ballot allows additional time to process and forward transmittals and payments.

This ballot would establish that jurisdictions who owed funds to the Clearinghouse must electronically send those funds within 7 days of the second month in which tax returns were received. The Clearinghouse Advisory Committee has developed a calendar to implement that schedule.

## **FTPBP #2-2008**

The intent of this ballot is to eliminate the requirement for all IFTA Clearinghouse member Jurisdictions to send year end notification to other IFTA Clearinghouse member jurisdictions of how many transmittals were sent for the calendar year. For Clearinghouse participant jurisdictions, this information is readily available on the Clearinghouse.

## **FTPBP #3-2008**

The intent of this addition to the Articles of Agreement is to establish uniform enforcement of IFTA licensing violations among member jurisdictions and support jurisdictional legislative changes and practices required to obtain uniformity. Please note that uniform enforcement practices will be established through the ballot process identifying enforcement activities subject to this provision.

## **FTPBP #4-2008**

To exempt historic vehicles from credentialing and reporting as Qualified Vehicles under IFTA.

## **FTPBP #5-2008**

The intent of this amendment is to eliminate the requirement for US jurisdictions to print the Employer Tax Identification Number or Social Security Number when printing an IFTA License and Tax return. The US jurisdictions will continue to collect these numbers, but will not be required to display them on any IFTA License or Fuel Tax Return. The numbers will be available for cross-reference or updates to the Clearinghouse. It is becoming more essential that these numbers remain 'private' and are used only for confirmation. Any US jurisdiction may, in lieu of these numbers, create a carrier identification number that meets the eleven-character requirement defined in the IFTA Procedures Manual P200.

## **FTPBP #6-2008**

The intent of this ballot is to amend the tax rate reporting by jurisdictions to include notification requirements of a rate for a new motor fuel type.

## **FTPBP #7-2008**

The intent of this ballot is to include a definition of "blended fuel", set out reporting requirements for blended fuels and to allow the base jurisdiction to provide adjustments where there is an exemption or different tax rate for a blended fuel.



**Annual Report Spreadsheets**

The spreadsheets have been updated with all the data for 2007. To view the spreadsheets click on Annual Reports and then click on the link to the Spreadsheets.

The buttons for General Report and Audit Report have been discontinued. The amount of data reported in the Audit Report was too cumbersome to be generated in the reports for viewing.

The Audit and General Report can still be viewed in excel format or by viewing a jurisdictions Annual Report. All three reports will be displayed on one webpage.

**IFTA Annual Report Database Survey**

A new survey is online for those with level 3 through level 6 user access. The IFTA Annual Report Database Survey, Prepared by APC has about 12 important questions pertaining what can be done to make the Annual Reports more useful. This survey can be filled out multiple times by a jurisdiction.

The deadline to fill out the survey is April 30, 2008.

**Interjurisdictional E-Mail Exchange**

To clear up any a little bit of confusion, my email address tking@iftach.org was removed from the main process of the E-Mail Exchange system. A new email addresses was created for use in the system.

The email address is mailserver@iftach.org. If you receive an email and examine the headers and find that address, that means it came from the IFTA, Inc. servers. To see who was the original sender of the email, check the email address after the 'From:'

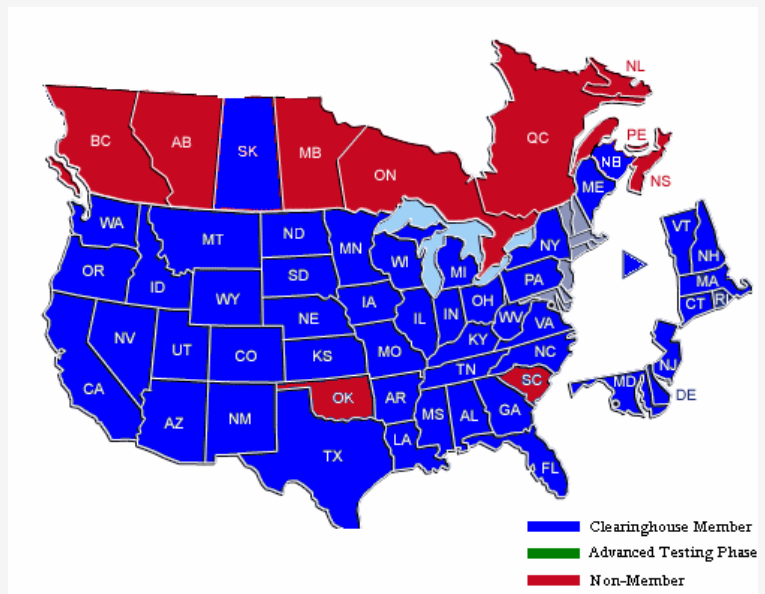
**Clearinghouse Update**  
jdegraf@iftach.org

**Funds Netting**

Funds netting is in it's second month of testing. Our first run, at the end of February, had one jurisdiction that was late in posting due to technical difficulties. In this situation the IFTA Clearinghouse Committee has decided that the late upload will be uploaded on the next calendar run. And all funds due to or owed to the late jurisdiction will be determined on the next scheduled run. Therefore any funding that the late jurisdictions owe to the IFTA

Electronic Funds account will not be due till the next calendar run. At least this is the premise so far.

We will continue to do funds netting testing till the IFTA Annual Business meeting in July, where the findings/results will be presented.



# Law Enforcement Revoked Database

The ITAC and LEC are asking for your help to get Revoked Carrier Data to your roadside enforcement officers and weigh stations.

The following options are what we can offer to you.

## **1) The IFTA, Inc. Clearinghouse.**

If you are already a member of the IFTA, Inc. Clearinghouse, as an IFTA Commissioner, you have the power to assign Law Enforcement access rights to the Demographic Database.

If you choose this method IFTA, Inc. will need the following from you. Only the IP Address of the new users that will be making the connections. This could include both mobile units and weigh station locations.

The IFTA Commissioner of the jurisdiction would need to register users at [www.iftach.org](http://www.iftach.org) and choose the Demographic Only option.

## **2) The IFTA, Inc. Roadside Database**

This database is designed only for Enforcement purposes. It will only contain Revoked Carrier information.

Access to this site will be done through a web browser. We would need to know the IP Address that your users connect from to allow them in.

The IFTA Commissioner of the jurisdiction would need to register users at [www.iftach.org](http://www.iftach.org) and choose the Law Enforcement option.

## **3) Sharing Data with NLETS**

NLETS has partnered with IFTA, Inc. to allow data from the IFTA Inc. Clearinghouse to flow through NLETS.

- Access to this data is based on current jurisdictional NLETS connections. In other words, programming will need to be done within a jurisdiction to grab the Revoked IFTA data through NLETS.

Further requirements include the permission of the jurisdiction to pass the data through NLETS from IFTA, Inc.

Please take some time and review these options. If your jurisdiction already shares this data with law enforcement could you please let us know. If you have any further questions, please, don't hesitate to ask.



# ITAC Members

## Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC)

The Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) is currently recruiting new members. Don't let the name of the committee fool you into thinking that your background needs to be of a technical nature to be on this committee. We are looking for members of IFTA who have ideas for projects the committee can work on that will make it easier and/or improve how people do their jobs.

If you or someone in your jurisdiction is interested in being considered for this committee please submit their name(s) to me.

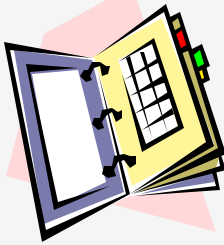
Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Beth (Elizabeth) Devlin, Chair—Information Technology Advisory Committee  
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## Dispute Docket

**The April dispute docket has been posted to the IFTA, Inc. website.**



# 2008

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting  
April 17-18, 2008  
Chandler, Arizona

IFTA Attorneys' Section Meeting  
April 18-19, 2008  
Tempe, Arizona

AAMVA Board of Directors Meeting  
May 2-3, 2008  
Arlington, Virginia

IRP Board of Directors Meeting  
May 5-6, 2008  
Arlington, VA

CCMTA Annual Meeting  
May 11-15, 2008  
St. Johns, Newfoundland/Labrador

FTA Annual Meeting  
June 8-11, 2008  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

AAMVA Region II Conference  
June 8-12, 2008  
Hilton Head Island, So Carolina

AAMVA Region IV Conference  
June 16-19, 2008  
Indian Wells, California

FTA Southern Region Motor Fuel Meeting  
June 22-24, 2008  
Shepherdstown, West Virginia

SEATA  
July 13-16, 2008  
Williamsburg, Virginia

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

IFTA Annual Business Meeting  
July 18-19, 2008  
New Orleans, Louisiana

AAMVA Region I Conference  
July 24-29, 2008  
Quebec City, Quebec

MSATA  
August 17-19, 2008  
Madison, Wisconsin

AAMVA Annual Int'l Conference  
August 24-27, 2008  
Orlando, Florida

WSATA  
September 14-17, 2007  
Whitefish, Montana

IFTA Managers Workshop/  
Law Enforcement Seminar  
September 17-19, 2008  
Mesa, Arizona

NESTOA  
September 21-24, 2008  
Newport, Rhode Island

IRP Annual Meeting  
October 2-6, 2008  
Kansas City, Missouri

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting  
October 23-24, 2008  
Chandler, Arizona

# 2009

IFTA/IRP Audit Workshop  
January 4-8, 2009  
Tempe, Arizona

AAMVA Board of Directors  
January 9-10, 2009  
Chandler, Arizona

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting  
January 22-23, 2009  
Chandler, Arizona

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting  
April 23-24, 2009  
Chandler, Arizona

AAMVA Region II Conference  
June 7-11, 2009  
Little Rock, Arkansas

IFTA Annual Business Meeting  
July 16-17, 2009  
Manchester, New Hampshire

AAMVA Region I Conference  
July 16-21, 2009  
Boston, Massachusetts

AAMVA Annual Int'l Conference  
August 23-26, 2009  
San Diego, California

IFTA Managers'/Law Enforcement Seminar  
September 9-11, 2009  
Durham, North Carolina

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting  
October 22-23, 2009  
Chandler, Arizona

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