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TAX RATE CHANGES FOR 1Q12

Thus far, only one member jurisdiction has changed tax rates for 2Q12. To view these changes, please visit:

<http://www.iftach.org/taxchangeq.php>

THE IFTA, INC. STAFF

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NEXT IFTA MEETING

IFTA, Inc. Board of Trustees
April 18-19, Chandler, AZ



IFTA Committees

APC Welcomes:

Kim Plante

Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles

IFTA Comings and Goings



Comings:

Utah Assistant Commissioner

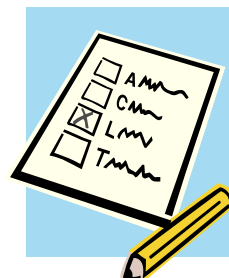
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First Comment Period



Please note that the deadline for the first comment period on the 2012 ballots closes on **May 16** and **not** on June 1. Mark your calendars so that you will have

ample time to review and add your comments to these ballots. Should you have any questions regarding the 2012 IFTA ballots please contact the sponsor (s). Thank you!



SURCHARGES

Everyone knows and understands the purpose of the fuel use tax assessed. The IFTA jurisdictions all assess a fuel use tax as generated by their individual jurisdiction governments and provide this figure, as required by the Agreement, to be displayed in the tax rate matrix published on the IFTA, Inc. website. But the fuel use tax is not the only thing that appears on this tax rate matrix for some jurisdictions. There is another tax: a surcharge.

IFTA, Inc. interviewed one of the member jurisdictions which charge this fee, in addition to the regular fuel use tax, to help resolve some of the questions that have been asked in regards to this issue. Ms. Carolyn Evanston, an IFTA/Motor Carrier Fuel Tax Supervisor with the Indiana Department of Revenue, was happy to be forthcoming with some information regarding surcharges.

During the 1Q 2012, IN charged 0.1800 fuel use tax on gasoline and 0.1600 fuel use tax on special diesel. In addition, IN also had a surcharge of 0.1100 across the board for all fuel types which it collects (for specific types please reference the IFTA, Inc. tax rate matrix available to the public). So our obvious first question to Ms. Evanston was to determine what a surcharge is. She explained that a surcharge is a

component of a jurisdictional fuel and road tax specific to subject vehicles that is not collected at the time of purchase (INTRA only carriers are subject as well).

From a novice standpoint I then inquired why jurisdictions would need a surcharge. Ms. Evanston explained that it is legislated as such and the jurisdictions have to pass it on to all Carriers traveling in Indiana that meet the qualified vehicle requirements. Curious, I inquired why a surcharge is a separate line item and not just “absorbed” into the actual fuel use tax.

“There is a different amount of tax collected on the tax paid gallons a Carrier is claiming a credit on,” Carolyn answered. “It must be a separate line item or credits would calculate to be greater than actually tax paid at purchase for those Carriers who purchase in a Surcharge jurisdiction. It could only be combined,” she continued, “if there were no tax paid gallons credits being claimed in the jurisdiction with the surcharge tax.”

I’d like to thank Ms. Evanston for her time in assisting with this interview. At times IFTA, Inc. fields questions from random callers and we strive to provide quality service. While carrier specific questions cannot be answered at IFTA, Inc., all office personnel work to assist those who contact us.

If you have an IFTA question that continues to “dog” you please submit it to IFTA, Inc. and we will work with a jurisdiction (s) to provide the answer for you and others with similar issues.



Are You Reading This?

One of IFTA, Inc.'s goals with the publication of THE IFTA NEWS is to reach our targeted audience and ensure that the latest developments and changes within membership are made known. THE IFTA NEWS was developed to bring together the jurisdictions, committees, and industry representatives that work towards the success of the Agreement.

If you know of any other persons within your department, area, company, or jurisdiction that is not currently "tuned in" to THE IFTA NEWS but should be please let us know. Simply forward an email to Tammy Trinker, IFTA, Inc. Office and Events Administrator, and advise her of the recommended reader. We'd like to make sure everyone who wants and needs to know all about the organization is being made aware.



FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE

Often IFTA, Inc. will field phone calls from carriers with questions or concerns regarding their IFTA account. While IFTA, Inc. welcomes

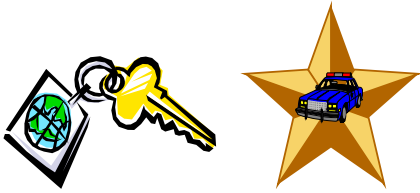
inquiries and works to assist those that want to correctly implement their IFTA program the office does not house carrier sensitive information. Therefore, if you are a carrier and wish to make contact and inquire about your IFTA account you should always contact your jurisdiction first and foremost.

To contact your base jurisdiction you can find this information, if it is not at your fingertips, by visiting the IFTA, Inc. website at <http://www.iftach.org>. On the left hand side of the public website you will find a list of web pages. One Stop Shop is the web page designed for carriers to quickly find their jurisdiction's telephone number, email address, and, when applicable, a direct link to the state's or provinces website.

By clicking on the One Stop Shop you are brought to another web page that contains a drop down box. Clicking on this box will provide a list of all 58 IFTA member jurisdictions. Simply choose your jurisdiction to be re-directed to the proper information. Should you not have success contacting your jurisdiction by phone the web page will also include an email address. If you are still unable to connect with your jurisdiction or have continued questions IFTA, Inc. can provide alternative phone numbers to assist in your endeavor.

So remember!

1. Have a question?
2. Visit <http://www.iftach.org>
3. Click on One Stop Shop
4. Search for Your Jurisdiction
5. Call the phone number provided
6. Get your answers quickly and efficiently.



2012 IFTA / IRP MANAGERS' and LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKSHOP

September is just around the corner! Well... just after we make it through spring and summer. However you should plan now to attend a great informational workshop.

The IFTA Agreement Procedures and Law Enforcement Committees want to invite you to a special workshop. Some of the topics scheduled to be discussed include:

- What your neighbor jurisdiction working on
- Latest jurisdictional developments
- Life of a motor carrier - from the beginning
- Peer reviews/managing for compliance
- IRP CAWG Presentation
- IFTA Clearinghouse
- IFTA/IRP Ballots
- Compliance Initiatives (aka M&M Blitz)
- Open Committee Meetings

Please join us at the 2012 IFTA / IRP Managers and Law Enforcement Workshop. Mark your calendars now for September 12-14, in always beautiful and usually sunny Arizona. This workshop will provide a wide array of information for you. Whether you are a supervisor, law enforcement personnel, or a staff member who processes IFTA returns we guarantee that you'll walk away with valuable

information that will assist in your daily IFTA and IRP work load.

Upcoming Compliance Reviews

Washington (O)
April 24-26, 2012
Renee Kyser (AL) John Hopper (OK)
British Columbia (O)
May 1-3, 2012
Belinda MacKinnon (MB) Azad Arora (AB)
Texas (E)
May 14-18, 2012
Kim Knox-Lawrence (ME) Quiovonda Vyent (FL)



IFTA, INC. WEBSITE UPDATES

By: Tom King, Webmaster (tking@iftach.org)

Meeting Materials

The Meeting Materials for the 2011 IFTA Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop have been added to the website.

Meeting Minutes

The Meeting Meetings have been updated for the following Committees:

- Audit Committee
- Agreement Procedures Committee

Secure Area

In the secure area we have added a new survey titled "IFTA Fuel License Fees". This is available for level 1 and higher. It can be found under the blue Survey bar.

Important Information

Also in the secure area under Important Information there is a new file called "Jurisdictions IFTA Processing Systems". This is available for Level 1 and higher to view.

IFTA, INC. CLEARINGHOUSE UPDATE

By: Jason DeGraf, Information Services Director (jdegraf@iftach.org)

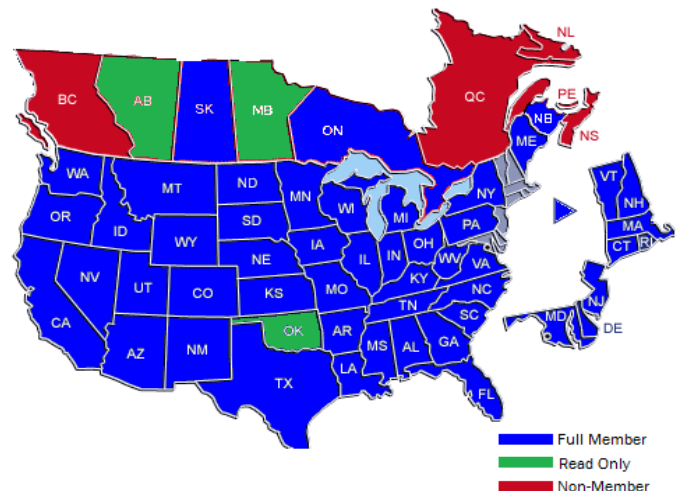
SAFER

The IFTA, Inc. Clearinghouse is busy working with SAFER, <http://www.safersys.org/>, in establishing a working protocol for the Clearinghouse to send Demographic Data to SAFER for roadside enforcement.

Earlier this year the ITAC Committee sent out a survey to all IFTA Jurisdictions regarding if they would like their demographic data sent to SAFER via the Clearinghouse. For jurisdictions not already sending data to SAFER, the response was overwhelmingly positive. Though we are still in a testing phase we may be contacting your jurisdiction in the next few months to initiate this process on a formal basis.

USERS

Don't forget that all user sign up's for Clearinghouse access are done on www.iftach.org. From the user registration page you can also view your current registered users and remove users as needed.



SAVE THE DATE!

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting
April 18-19, 2012
Chandler, Arizona

Motor Fuel Pacific Region
April 30-May 1, 2012
Helena, Montana

IRP Annual Business Meeting
May 16-18, 2012
New Orleans, Louisiana

IRP, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting
May 19, 2012
New Orleans, Louisiana

Motor Fuel Northeastern Region
May 20-23, 2012
Annapolis, Maryland

Motor Fuel Uniformity Meeting
June 1-2, 2012
San Antonio, Texas

Motor Fuel Southern Region
June 10-13, 2012
New Orleans, Louisiana

FTA Annual Meeting
June 17-20, 2012
Washington, DC

Annual IFTA Business Meeting
July 18-19, 2012
Grand Rapids, Michigan

SEATA
July 22-25, 2012
White Sulphur Springs,
West Virginia

MSATA
August 26-28, 2012
St. Louis, Missouri

Motor Fuel Uniformity Meeting
October 26-27, 2012
Providence, Rhode Island

Motor Fuel Tax Annual Conference
October 28-31, 2012
Providence, Rhode Island

IFTA-IRP Managers'/Law Enforcement Workshop
September 12-14, 2012
Mesa, Arizona

IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting
October 17-18, 2012
Chandler, Arizona

