



Day in the Life of a Carrier

An Industry Perspective:
Getting a Vehicle on the Road

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The Red Truck

- Big Red Mack Tractor
- Gross Combined Vehicle Weight 80,000 lbs.
- 3 axle vehicle
- Will travel in multiple states and one Canadian province to deliver refreshing pallets of Coca-Cola products to customers from production centers and distribution centers



Vehicle IRP Legalization Necessary?

- Falls into IRP Category: YES
- Traveling in two or more jurisdictions: YES
- The Power Unit has two axles and a gross vehicle weight or registered gross vehicle weight in excess of 26,000 pounds (11,797 kgs): YES
- The Power Unit has three or more axles regardless of weight: YES
- Is used in combination, when the weight of such combination exceeds 26,000 pounds (11,797 kgs) gross vehicle or registered gross vehicle weight: YES



Vehicle IFTA Legalization Necessary?

- Falls into IFTA Category: YES
- Traveling in two or more jurisdictions: YES
- The vehicle has two axles and a gross vehicle weight or registered gross vehicle weight exceeding 26,000 pounds (11,797 kgs): YES
- The vehicle has three or more axles regardless of weight: YES
- Is used in combination, when the weight of such combination exceeds 26,000 pounds (11,797 kgs) gross vehicle or registered gross vehicle weight: YES



IRP Account Setup

Help! I need an IRP Account to register this vehicle!

- Need to identify a base jurisdiction as defined by the IRP Plan – either an established place of business OR residency.
- Base jurisdiction is where the motor carrier has an established place of business and owns, leases or rents a physical structure that is designated by a street name or road. Jurisdictions require proof of an established place of business. The applicant can submit various documents as proof, including utility bills; government provided documents showing corporate residency; etc.



IRP Account Setup

- Jurisdiction X is my place of residency. The company is the IRP registrant and IRP applicant; the vehicle is titled in the company name, and the IRP account will be in the same company name
- At the minimum need one active vehicle to open the account. It can take a few business days up to a couple of weeks to establish the account once the proper documentation and the IRP application is completed/submitted to the jurisdiction
- An applicant must demonstrate at least three of the following to establish residency in a jurisdiction per section 305 of The Plan:



IRP Account Setup – Cont'd

- driver's license issued by that jurisdiction
- evidence of a corporation registered to conduct business in that jurisdiction
- evidence that the principal owner is a resident of that jurisdiction
- income tax returns with an address in that jurisdiction
- paid real estate or personal property tax to that jurisdiction
- utility bills in that jurisdiction
- vehicle titled in that jurisdiction
- other factors that clearly confirm that the applicant is a legal resident. It is also at the discretion of the base jurisdiction if additional proof of residency documents are required by their statutes.



IFTA Account Setup

Need to establish an IFTA account for this IFTA qualified vehicle

- My IFTA may be established in another jurisdiction per the IFTA Articles of Agreement
- Like the IRP account setup, it can take a few business days up to a couple of weeks to establish the account once the proper documentation and the IFTA application is completed/submitted to the jurisdiction
- Depending on the operation, i.e. Rental company, additional documentation may be required



IFTA Account Setup – Cont'd

- Some jurisdictions do not issue temporary IFTA credentials so the applicant is waiting for credentials to be snail-mailed
- Another advantage of electronic credentialing

GREAT! Ready to go with IRP plate/cab card and IFTA credentials....



Vehicle is Active on the Road

**Vehicle may be active but some other important follow up items...*



Canadian Considerations

- USDOT number is acceptable in all provinces except Ontario and Quebec
- Determine if you will use the services of a customs license broker
- All paperwork must be in the form of electronic manifest or eManifest to submit to the Canadian Border Services Agency
- Traveling into Ontario: Commercial Vehicle Operator's Registration (CVOR) is required



LOCAL CONSIDERATIONS

Big Red Truck

- Local City Decal and license requirements renewed annually
- Travel restrictions and route planning: Not every town wants a Big Mack with its weight load running on their local roads
- Security Decals/Clearance for entry to specific airport, military, state and federal agencies
- Intrastate Mileage State Requirements for mileage reporting/inventory
- Kentucky Weight Distance Tax, New Mexico Weight Distance Tax, Oregon Weight Mile Tax, New York Highway Use Tax



Last but not Least

Going forward in the life of this tractor

- Performing annual DOT vehicle inspection to meet Federal safety compliance requirements
- CVOR certificate requirements
- Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Annual Renewal
- Renew all required credentials on an annual basis: replace current paper credentials with new paper credentials and decals

Another advantage of the electronic credentialing initiative!



Really Last but not Least

Know what IFTA & IRP records are required and maintain them. That audit call might come anytime...



Questions



Thank you

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