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TAX RATES

The **2016** tax rate matrix was finalized on June 2. Jurisdictions now have until September 1, 2016 (Thursday) to verify or amend their tax rate data for the **3Q16** matrix. Currently four new tax rates have been reported to IFTA, Inc. To view current tax rate changes please visit:

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

REMINDER!! Please keep your Contacts updated in your IFTA, Inc. profile on www.iftach.org to prevent emails being returned with a delivery failure notice.

It is recommended that all membership review their Jurisdiction Communication Lists at this time. If your revised date is more than one year, but there have been no changes, please click to update your communication list so that the revision date shows for 2016. Thank you!

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Ladies and Gentlemen!

START – YOUR . . .

travel plans for the 2016 Annual Business Meeting! Just as 33 cars race each year in the Indianapolis 500, we are 33 days out from the meeting. If you have not yet registered for our meeting, I encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience. Just follow this link to register. [IFTA Annual Meeting Registration](#)

You must make your hotel reservations on or before **July 25, 2016**. To make your reservation, please contact the [Hyatt Regency Indianapolis](#) Please call (317) 632-1234 to make your reservation.



Our Annual Business Meeting agenda has a whole new look. This year, you will have the opportunity to attend three breakout sessions. The subject matter of each is very timely. Representatives of the Clearinghouse Advisory Committee will discuss data quality and best practices for utilizing the Clearinghouse. The Program Compliance Review Committee is proposing a new program compliance review process and members of the **committee will spend time with you discussing the proposed changes**. Members of the Electronic Credentials Working Group and the Law Enforcement Committee will discuss issues evolving around desktide and roadside enforcement.

As always our Town Hall Meeting will lead to rousing discussions on many issues. We will once again have regional breakout sessions. You won't want to miss a minute of this year's meeting.

Indianapolis is a beautiful city. I may be a bit biased because I am a Hoosier. Speaking of Hoosiers, the State of Indiana has some great college basketball teams!



I hope you enjoy the meeting and enjoy your stay in Indianapolis. I am looking forward to seeing you and welcoming you to my home State. I'll see you soon!

Lonette

A Bicycle Built For . . . How Many?

The Commodity Tax Unit of the ON Ministry of Finance recently participated in a unique and fun fundraising event. We participated in the *Heart and Stroke Big Bike Ride*. The ride was to help raise funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

My inspiration for joining the ride was my grandmother who, a few years ago, if you can believe it, at age 90 at the time, rode this bike. So I thought if she can do it so can I.

Heart disease and stroke are the leading cause of death in Canada and affects so many of us personally. Thanks to the money raised and donated, the Heart and Stroke Foundation is able to fund research that leads to medical breakthroughs, helping survivors recover faster and return home to their families. Our team was called the *MOF Commodity Pulsers* and each of us as participants collected donations from sponsors for the ride. Our team raised over approximately \$1000!!

The ride took us on an approximately 2 km route through the downtown of Oshawa ON on a warm and sunny June morning. Our legs had a great workout while we sang, shouted and cheered during our ride.

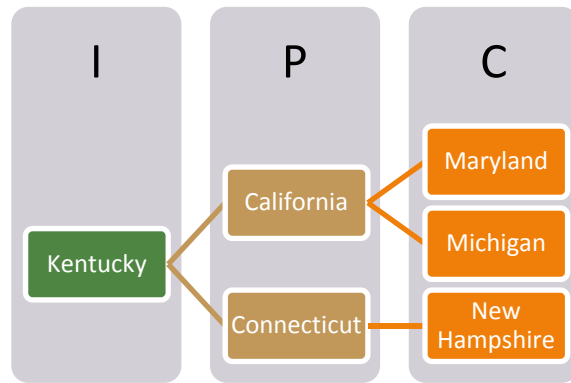
Ron Hester

Tax Administration Manager, ON Ministry of Finance
Chair – IFTA Clearinghouse Advisory Committee



Our heartiest congratulations to the
Commodity Tax Unit of the ON Ministry of Finance
for a great fund raising activity!





THE IFTA PROCESSING CONSORTIUM (IPC)

The IFTA Processing Consortium, or IPC, consists of six IFTA member jurisdictions sharing the same returns processing system through collaborative efforts to service their licensees. The IPC members are Kentucky, California, Connecticut, Maryland, Michigan, and New Hampshire. Led by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as the Contract Administrator, these six jurisdictions were formerly members of the Regional Processing Center (RPC). With the closure of RPC services at the end of 2014, the IPC began its operations on December 8, 2014. That beginning came after two years of exploration, development of an RFP, procurement of services, system development and testing, data conversion, and finally, implementation. With the Kentucky Division of Motor Carriers engaging in a contract with the vendor, these six jurisdictions operate as a team through the use of a Memorandum of Agreement between the member jurisdiction and Kentucky. Costs are shared among the members and a process exists to introduce system changes and enhancements.

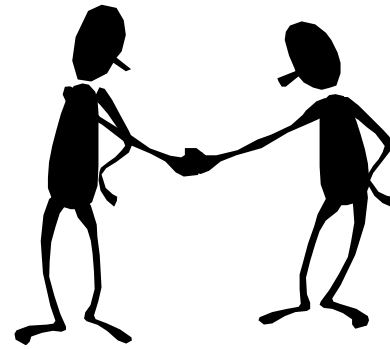
The IPC members meet at least twice monthly to discuss system processes, upgrades, status reports, and any issue that would impact functionality including the implementation of ballot language ratified by the IFTA membership. The system permits full electronic registration, licensing, account maintenance, return filing, billing, and payment capabilities. The system also has an audit package that interfaces with the primary system. This allows the auditors to obtain real time information about the account while performing the audit. Several options are available which permit electronic exchanges of information with licensees and other stakeholders such as law enforcement in a real time environment. While based on a commercial off the shelf product, the IPC is tailored to the needs of the consortium and in many cases, the individual jurisdiction.

With greatly reduced amounts of paperwork, technologies that ensure return validation, more timely recognition of delinquencies, and the enforcement of full payment of taxes due, the IPC has streamlined the IFTA processes for its licensees.

For more information about the IPC, please contact Pamela Marshall, Kentucky Division of Motor Carriers, at (502) 782-5391.



IFTA Comings and Goings



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The following jurisdictions have updated the Jurisdiction Communication List (JCL) in some manner since *June 15, 2016*. Please visit their JCL on the secure website to ensure that you are working with the most current information for these jurisdictions:

Alabama
Connecticut
Delaware
Florida
Idaho

Illinois
Kentucky
Maryland
Nevada
New York

North Dakota
Nova Scotia
Virginia
Washington
Wyoming

IFTA/IRP MANAGERS' AND LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKSHOP



IFTA/IRP Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop

September 27-29, 2016

Westin Tampa Harbour Island, Tampa, FL

The IFTA/IRP Managers' and Law Enforcement Workshop provides an in-depth exploration of issues impacting IRP, IFTA, law enforcement, and the motor carrier industry in general. Attendees include both jurisdiction and industry representatives from the US and Canada. Visit the IRP, Inc. website today to register! A link to the online registration is also available on the IFTA, Inc. website.

Reasons to Attend:

By attending this year's workshop, you will be able to:

- Recognize fraud in your workplace
- Explain IRP and IFTA to carriers in different and creative ways
- Participate in an outdoor demonstration of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) commercial vehicle and driver inspection and a roadside dyed fuel inspection
- Gain ideas from colleagues on collection efforts, weight variances, and place of residence during interactive breakout discussions
- Understand a motor carrier's perspective by learning about a carrier's challenges when legalizing vehicles
- Understand how electronic logging devices work and what they capture
- Gain the perspective of a third party service provider
- Leverage the similarities between IRP and IFTA to streamline processes
- Learn about automated technology in the trucking industry
- Discuss hot issues with colleagues in your job function by attending interactive breakouts
- Learn the basics about IFTA, IRP, and/or law enforcement during optional 101 sessions.
- Network with representatives from US and Canadian jurisdictions, as well as industry stakeholders

Other session topics include industry updates, CVIEW, active shooter in the workplace, human and tobacco trafficking, IFTA Ballot #03-2014, the IRP Clearinghouse data standardization project, and improving communication between law enforcement and administration.

**IFTA, Inc. is happy to announce the
confirmed location of the 2017**

IFTA / IRP AUDIT WORKSHOP

**Omni Galleria
Houston, Texas**



February 28 – March 2

A custom online web page will be provided for securing your hotel accommodations. To tour the facility you may visit the hotel's website at www.omnihotels.com/hotels/houston. The IFTA and IRP Audit Committees are working to present an educational and training workshop for both new and veteran auditors. Everyone is welcome to attend this very valuable workshop. Keep watching THE IFTA NEWS, the IFTA, Inc. website, and the IRP, Inc. website for details and registration information as they become available!

IFTA, INC. WEBSITE

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

Meeting Minutes

The Meeting Minutes have been updated for the following Committees.

- Audit Committee
- Board of Trustees
- Clearinghouse Advisory Committee
- Law Enforcement Committee

New Website Update

Soon a PowerPoint presentation will be sent out with detailed information of the look of the new IFTA, Inc. website. This will also have a small survey of questions to answer so we can go the next step with making a new website that works for everyone.

IFTA, INC. CLEARINGHOUSE UPDATE

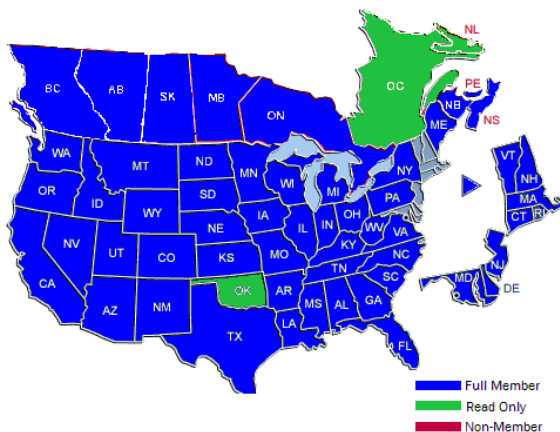
By: Jason DeGraf, Information Services Director (jdegraf@iftach.org)

Checking Your Data

We ask, and ask again. Please check your data on the Clearinghouse. This is especially true for Transmittals and Funds Netting. Far too often I have to contact jurisdictions at the end of the month to inform them that we have not received data or their data is in error. This leads to the conclusion that a lot of jurisdictions are not checking their data. This is unfortunate, as the Clearinghouse provides you with notification emails, pages to quickly check your data and other tools that can help you out.

But, there are jurisdictions that do check data. So much so, they will often inform me that your data is in error. Meaning you did not check it, but someone spotted your data in error.

This can't be stressed enough. Please! Check your data!





SAVE THE DATE!

2016

Tobacco Annual Conference
August 14 – 17
Providence, Rhode Island

Annual IFTA Business Meeting
August 17 – 18
Indianapolis, Indiana

HELP, Inc.
Summer Board of Directors Meeting
August 17 – 18
Broomfield, Colorado

Motor Fuel Uniformity Meeting
September 16 – 17
Portland, Maine

**FTA Motor Fuel Tax Section
Annual Motor Fuels Conference**
September 18 – 21
Portland, Maine



**IFTA/IRP Managers' and Law
Enforcement Workshop**
September 27 – 29
Tampa, Florida

4Q IFTA Board Meeting
October 18 – 19
Chandler, Arizona

IFTA Attorneys' Meeting
October 26 - 27
Chandler, Arizona

2017

1Q IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting
January 18 - 19
Chandler, Arizona

IFTA/IRP Audit Workshop
February 28 – March 2
Houston, Texas

2Q IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting
April 25 - 26
Chandler, Arizona

Annual IFTA Business Meeting
August 9 - 10
Chandler, Arizona

4Q IFTA, Inc. Board Meeting
October 24 - 25
Chandler, Arizona