IFTA FULL TRACK PRELIMINARY BALLOT PROPOSAL
FTPBP #01-2017

Sponsor
Jurisdictions of Alabama, Maine and Virginia

Date Submitted
December 13, 2016

Proposed Effective Date
January 1, 2018

Manual Sections to be Amended
IFTA Articles of Agreement
R625 DISPLAY OF DECALS

Subject
Display of decals for short-term motor vehicle rentals.

History/Digest
Section R625 of the IFTA Articles of Agreement requires IFTA vehicle identification decals to be placed on the exterior portion of both sides of the cab of a qualified vehicle. Recognizing the unique nature of operations for certain types of operators, the Agreement provides an exception to this requirement for transporters, manufacturers, dealers, or driveaway operations. In these cases the decals are not required to be permanently affixed, but rather are allowed to be temporarily displayed in a visible manner on both sides of the cab.

A utility contractor asked the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles to seek an amendment to the Agreement to extend the decal display exception to rental equipment. As a utility contractor the company rents equipment from time to time as a result of equipment failures or peak demand.

Intent
The intent of this ballot is to amend the IFTA Articles of Agreement to allow carriers using a qualified motor vehicle under a short-term motor vehicle rental of 29 days or less whereby the lessee has assumed responsibility for reporting and paying the fuel use tax pursuant to Section R510 of the IFTA Articles of Agreement.
Agreement to temporarily display the IFTA decals rather than permanently affix them to the vehicle.

The proposed change would provide carriers using rental equipment greater flexibility and in some cases lower costs in managing the requirement to display IFTA decals on qualifying motor vehicles. The change could also reduce the number of circumstances in which a lessee fails to remove its IFTA decals from rental equipment upon termination of the rental, potentially jeopardizing law enforcement efforts.

The ballot also corrects a misspelling that exists within Section R625.

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1. ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT
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4. *R625 DISPLAY OF DECALS*
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6. Each licensee shall be issued a minimum of two vehicle identification decals for each qualified vehicle in its fleet. The decals must be placed on the exterior portion of both sides of the cab. In the case of transporters, manufacturers, dealers, or driveway operations, or in the case of a short-term motor vehicle rental of 29 days or less whereby the lessee has assumed responsibility for reporting and paying the fuel use tax pursuant to R510, the decals need not be permanently affixed, but may be temporarily displayed in a visible manner on both sides of the cab.
IFTA FULL TRACK FINAL BALLOT PROPOSAL
FTFBP #02-2017

Sponsors
IFTA Law Enforcement Committee
IFTA Agreement Procedures Committee

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April 13, 2017

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January 1, 2019

Manual Sections to be Amended
IFTA Articles of Agreement *R2110 IFTA, INC. Clearinghouse

Subject
An amendment to the IFTA Articles of Agreement to: Require jurisdictions to record and upload serialized IFTA decals issued to carriers.

History/Digest
Currently IFTA jurisdictions are not required to keep track of their decals.

In trying to keep up with technology of today, the IFTA community is moving toward electronic credentialing. Our goal is to make the carriers serialized decal numbers available for enforcement personnel and ensure that the data being received by enforcement is accurate. The IFTA LEC wants to accomplish this before we move toward pursuing an electronic IFTA credential.

In order to accommodate IFTA enforcement we would like all jurisdictions participating in the IFTA Clearinghouse to include the serialized decal numbers specific to a carrier in their uploads. P320 in the IFTA Procedures Manual currently requires decals to be serialized. We understand that the decals are not required to be vehicle specific but all serialized decals should be assigned to a specific carrier. Jurisdictions should record and update the decal numbers specific to an IFTA licensee. Then when a QMV (qualified motor vehicle) is stopped, enforcement can
confirm the decal matches the licensed carrier. This would be a tool used to combat/deter/detect fraudulent decals by confirming the decal is actually valid and associated to the licensed carrier.

Electronic credentialing is being encouraged and pressured by industry, and some jurisdictions, the LEC is merely preparing to accept the technology.

**Intent**

The intent of this ballot is to amend the IFTA Articles of Agreement to require that jurisdictions track and upload serialized decal numbers issued to carriers.

This would be done by adding “serialized decal numbers” to Licensee demographic data in Section R2110.200 of the IFTA Articles of Agreement.

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1 *R2110 IFTA, INC. CLEARINGHOUSE

2 There is established the IFTA, Inc. Clearinghouse (hereafter referred to as the “clearinghouse”) which is
3 responsible for the maintenance and administration of licensee demographic and transmittal data transmitted by
4 participating members. The clearinghouse is also responsible for providing a mechanism for the exchange of
5 Interjurisdictional Audit Reports. The participating members may electronically view and retrieve the
6 clearinghouse data.
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8 .100 “Participating members” are those jurisdictions that have entered into an agreement with IFTA,
9 Inc. to access the clearinghouse and that have submitted licensee demographic or transmittal
10 data to the clearinghouse.
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12 .200 Licensee demographic data includes licensee name, address, IFTA license number, license
13 status, serialized decal numbers and other information identified in the IFTA, Inc. Clearinghouse
14 Access Agreement.
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IFTA FULL TRACK BALLOT PROPOSAL
FTFBP #03-2017

Sponsor
Agreement Procedures Committee

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April 12, 2017

Proposed Effective Date
At passage

Manual Sections to be Amended (January 1996 Version, Effective July 1, 1998, as revised) IFTA Procedures Manual *P1030 U.S. and Canadian Funds Transfers

Subject
A change in the reference to be used if a conversion from Canadian to U.S. dollars is required for the transmittal reports.

History/Digest
Currently, if a conversion is required from Canadian to U.S. dollars for transmittal purposes, the procedures state that it shall be done using the Bank of Canada noon day spot rate quoted at 12:00 PM Eastern Time. The Bank of Canada has traditionally published two daily foreign exchange rates, one of which was a noon day rate. However, effective May 1, 2017, there will only be one foreign exchange rate published by 4:30 PM Eastern Time each business day.

Intent
The intent of this ballot is to amend the IFTA Procedures Manual to align with the Bank of Canada’s new procedure in publishing exchange rates once each business day by 4:30 PM Eastern Time. With the elimination of the published noon day rate, to allow for timely Canadian jurisdictional transmittals, if a conversion takes place before 4:30 PM Eastern Time the prior day’s rate will be used. A fund conversion at 4:30 PM Eastern Time or after will be converted using the current day’s rate.
*P1030 U.S. AND CANADIAN FUNDS TRANSFERS

.200 Transmittals from Canada

Transmittal reports submitted by a Canadian jurisdiction to a U.S. jurisdiction will be in either U.S. customary measures and U.S. dollars, or International customary measures and Canadian dollars. All funds transmitted by Canadian jurisdictions to U.S. jurisdictions will be in U.S. dollars.

If a conversion is required from Canadian to U.S. dollars it shall be done using the Bank Of Canada noon day spot rate quoted at 12:00 PM Eastern Time exchange rate that was posted by 4:30 PM Eastern Time. A fund conversion prior to 12:00 4:30 PM Eastern Time will be converted using the prior day’s spot rate and a fund conversion at 4:30 PM Eastern Time or after will be converted using the current day’s spot rate. The amount to be converted into U.S. dollars will be net the cost of converting.

[SECTIONS P1030.100 and P1030.300 REMAIN UNCHANGED]
IFTA FULL TRACK FINAL BALLOT PROPOSAL
FTFBP #04-2017

Sponsor
Agreement Procedures Committee

Date Submitted
March 10, 2017

Proposed Effective Date
At passage

Manual Sections to be Amended (January 1996 Version, Effective July 1, 1998, as revised) IFTA Articles of Agreement *R2120 Required Exchange Of Licensee Demographic And Transmittal Data And Interjurisdictional Audit Reports

Subject
A requirement to upload full demographics data on a daily basis for each business day.

History/Digest
The IFTA, Inc. Clearinghouse currently provides a mechanism into which participating jurisdictions may upload licensee demographic data and inter-jurisdictional audit reports when requested by another jurisdiction. Participating jurisdictions may then login to the Clearinghouse and view the licensee demographic data and inter-jurisdictional audit reports.

Jurisdictions are electronically notified when such reports have been uploaded to the Clearinghouse.

Intent
The intent of this ballot is to amend the IFTA Articles of Agreement to clarify that the upload done on a daily basis for each business day is an upload of the full demographic data.

Membership would benefit from this procedure change by allowing all jurisdictions access to the latest status of accounts when licensing new accounts and would give roadside enforcement more accurate data to utilize when enforcing IFTA. By distributing the licensee demographic data and inter-jurisdictional audit reports to participating jurisdictions via the IFTA, Inc. Clearinghouse, this will ensure jurisdictional compliance according to the applicable provisions of the IFTA Audit Manual.

This change would require the full demographic data to be uploaded to the Clearinghouse each business day for accuracy and timely information.
**R2120 REQUIRED EXCHANGE OF LICENSEE DEMOGRAPHIC AND TRANSMITTAL DATA AND INTERJURISDICTIONAL AUDIT REPORTS**

**.100 Licensee Demographic Data**

When the exchange of licensee demographic data is required of the participating members by the IFTA Articles of Agreement and the IFTA Procedures Manual, such requirements shall be deemed satisfied by the successful and timely transmission of the full demographic data to the clearinghouse each business day.

IFTA, Inc. shall be responsible for providing the data from the participating members to all other member jurisdictions.

[SECTIONS R2120.200 and R2120.300 REMAIN UNCHANGED]
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#05-2017

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Jurisdictions of Alabama, Maine, Virginia and Wisconsin

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January 1, 2020

Agreement Articles to be Amended
IFTA Articles of Agreement Section R620 and Section R650

Subject
An amendment to the IFTA Articles of Agreement to require jurisdictions to accept electronic images of IFTA licenses (Section R620) and temporary decals (Section R650) in place of paper, at the option of the licensee.

History/Digest
The intent of this ballot is to allow the use of electronic images of licenses, at the option of the licensee.

1. Current practices. Historically, base jurisdictions have issued licenses in paper form. The Agreement also allows a base jurisdiction to issue a license by electronic means. Many jurisdictions now also issue pdf licenses.

2. Pilot project. The seven-jurisdiction 2016-2017 Motor Carrier Electronic Credentials Pilot Project (working with the IFTA Electronic Credentials Working Group), has tested electronic images in pdf format roadside. The testing has been for IFTA licenses, IRP cab cards and other credentials.

In the pilot, some of the electronic images have been made from electronic files issued by the base jurisdiction, while others have been scanned images of licenses originally issued in paper form.

Although the number of carriers participating has been low, the response of participating licensees and law enforcement has been highly positive. The technology is relatively easily understood, is reliable, and saves time roadside. Discussion of some concerns follows:
a. Confirming the validity of the electronic image. Electronic images can be altered, as can paper images. Where law enforcement questions the validity of an electronic image, the officer would need to use the same verification procedures as for paper.

b. Reliability of radio and telephone communications in some geographic areas. In general, reliability will be addressed by having a pdf stored and available in the electronic device, and not rely on internet connectivity at the time of a roadside stop.

c. Ability of law enforcement to receive the pdf in the patrol car without taking the electronic device from the truck driver. This can be addressed to a degree by the driver e-mailing the pdf to law enforcement. This would not be possible on a real-time basis in those geographic areas where cellphone service is not available.

d. Reading of barcodes on IFTA licenses of IFTA licensees, if any jurisdictions apply barcodes to IFTA licenses. Barcoded licenses provide a convenience for law enforcement, and any technology reducing the duration of a roadside stop aids safety. Discussion of some concerns follows:
   i. Readability of barcodes on the pdf images on the electronic device. Where the image is sharp, barcodes can be read from the screens of electronic devices.
   ii. Inserting barcode data into pertinent law enforcement computer programs. The same as for paper barcodes, this sometimes requires a couple steps, such as reading a program specific IFTA QR code or barcode to activate the correct app or program.
   iii. Scanning of the barcodes from the electronic device, without taking the device to the patrol car. Where a barcode reader is not wireless, this can be addressed to a degree by e-mailing of the pdf, where cellphone service is available.

**Effective date.** Some jurisdictions expressed concern about a January 2019 effective date, discussed among jurisdictions previously.

This ballot therefore proposes a January 2020 effective date. This will allow jurisdictions two full calendar years – 2018 and 2019 – to obtain any needed changes to statute or regulations.

**Intent/Summary.** The intent of this ballot is to amend the Agreement to allow licensees and base jurisdictions flexibility in issuing and presenting the license. The ballot adds language clarifying that base jurisdictions may issue licenses in paper or as an electronic image.

The ballot adds language requiring jurisdictions to accept a paper original, legible paper copy or legible electronic image of the license, at the option of the licensee, regardless of the method by which the license was initially issued by the base jurisdiction.

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*R620 POSSESSION OF LICENSE*
Each licensee shall be issued one IFTA license or cab card in paper or as an electronic image. The licensee is required to make legible paper copies or electronic images of the license so that one and a copy shall be carried in each vehicle. Member jurisdictions must accept paper originals, paper copies, or electronic images of IFTA licenses, whichever is presented by the licensee and regardless of the method by which the license was initially issued by the base jurisdiction. A vehicle will not be considered to be operating under this Agreement unless there is a copy of the license in the vehicle, or an electronic image is made available when requested.

*R650 TEMPORARY DECAL PERMITS

The base jurisdiction may provide for the issuance of a 30-day IFTA temporary decal permit valid for all member jurisdictions to a licensee in good standing to carry in lieu of displaying the annual decals. The base jurisdiction may charge an administrative fee to the licensee to cover the cost of issuance. Temporary decal permits must be vehicle specific and show the expiration date. The temporary decal permit need not be displayed but shall be carried in the vehicle, in paper or as an electronic image.