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Annual report - Lists a motor carrier's assets, revenue, liabilities, and operating costs.

"Alcohol" means: the intoxicating agent in beverage alcohol, ethyl alcohol, or other low molecular weight alcohols including methyl and isopropyl alcohol.

"Alcohol use" means: the consumption of any beverage, liquid mixture, or preparation (including medication) that contains alcohol.

Bill of lading - A written transportation contract between shipper and carrier (or its agents). Identifies freight, recipient, place of delivery, and terms of agreement.

CDL - Commercial Driver's License.

Chapter 221 - Minnesota Statutes chapter containing the Minnesota Motor Carrier laws.

CMV - Commercial motor vehicle.

"Controlled Substances" means: Marijuana; Cocaine; Opiates (Opium and Codeine derivatives; Amphetamines and Methamphetamines; and Phencyclidine (PCP).

Covered farm vehicle - (1) Means a straight truck or articulated vehicle --
(i) Registered in a State with a license plate or other designation issued by the State of registration that allows law enforcement officials to identify it as a farm vehicle;

(ii) Operated by the owner or operator of a farm or ranch, or an employee or family member of an owner or operator of a farm or ranch;

(iii) Used to transport agricultural commodities, livestock, machinery or supplies to or from a farm or ranch; and

(iv) Not used in for-hire motor carrier operations; however, for-hire motor carrier operations do not include the operation of a vehicle meeting the requirements of paragraphs (1)(i) through (iii) of this definition by a tenant pursuant to a crop share farm lease agreement to transport the landlord's portion of the crops under that agreement.

(2) Meeting the requirements of paragraphs (1)(i) through (iv) of this definition:

(i) With a gross vehicle weight or gross vehicle weight rating, whichever is greater, of 26,001 pounds or less may utilize the exemptions in 49 CFR Section 390.39 anywhere in the United States; or

(ii) With a gross vehicle weight or gross vehicle weight rating, whichever is greater, of more than 26,001 pounds may utilize the exemptions in 49 CFR § 390.39 anywhere in the State of registration or across State lines within 150 air miles of the farm or ranch with respect to which the vehicle is being operated.

DVIR - Driver vehicle inspection report.

ELD (Electronic Logging Device) - A device/technology that automatically records a driver's driving time and other hours of service data that meets the requirements of 49CFR Part 395.

FMCSR (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations) - Contains the regulations governing operations of trucks and buses in interstate commerce. Minnesota has adopted most of the FMCSR for intrastate transportation.

For-hire - Transportation service provided for compensation of any kind: promised, paid, or given.

Form E - Uniform Motor Carrier Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability Certificate of Insurance.

Form H - Certificate of insurance providing cargo coverage. The certificate of insurance must conform to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49.

Form K - Certificate filed by the insurance company canceling a certificate of insurance.

49 CFR - Refers to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49.

Freight bill - Shipping document describing the freight, classification, rates charged, total amount for transportation, and any other charges made under a tariff.

GVW - Gross vehicle weight. The greater of the unloaded weight of a vehicle plus the weight of the load; or the value specified by the manufacturer as the maximum gross weight or gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR).

GVWR - Gross vehicle weight rating. Means the value specified by the vehicle manufacturer as the loaded weight of a single motor vehicle.

HM (hazardous materials) - Substance or material capable of posing unreasonable risk to health, safety, and property when transported in commerce, as determined by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation.

HMR - Hazardous Materials Regulations

IFTA - International Fuel Tax Agreement

IRP - International Registration Plan.

Interstate - Transportation between a place in a state and a place outside of such state, between two places in a state through another state or a place outside of the United States, or between two places in a state as part of transportation originating or terminating outside of the state or the United States.

Intrastate - Transportation entirely within one state that is not interstate in nature.

MCS 90 - Endorsement for motor carrier policies of insurance for public liability.

Medical certificate - Certificate issued to a driver who has passed a USDOT-prescribed physical examination. Also known as a “health card.”

Medical waiver - Waiver issued by MnDOT to drivers who cannot meet minimum driver physical qualification standards under 49 CFR Part 391.

MnDOT - Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Motor carrier (Minnesota definition) - A person engaged in intrastate for-hire transportation of property or passengers. “Motor carrier” does not include a person providing transportation described in section 221.025, a building mover subject to 221.81, or a person providing limousine service as defined in section 221.84.

Motor carrier (Federal definition) - For-hire or private carrier of property or passengers by motor vehicle in interstate commerce.

Operating authority - A permit or certificate issued to a carrier authorized to provide for-hire transportation service. Issued by MnDOT for intrastate transportation and USDOT for interstate transportation.

Out-of-service - A declaration by an authorized enforcement officer that a driver, commercial motor vehicle, or a motor carrier operation is out of service pursuant to the North American Standard Out of Service Criteria.

Placard - Diamond-shaped sign required to be displayed on a motor vehicle hauling specific quantities of hazardous materials showing the hazard classification of material transported.

Private carrier (Minnesota definition) - A person engaged in the transportation of property or passengers by motor vehicle when: (1) the person transporting the property or passengers is engaged in a business other than transportation; and (2) the transportation is within the scope of and furthers a primary business, other than transportation, of that person. "Private carrier" does not include a person while engaged in intrastate transportation described in section 221.025.

Record of Duty Status (RODS) - Commonly referred to as a logbook. It is a written or electronic record completed by a commercial vehicle driver to record the driver's hours of service.

Shipping paper - A document required for the shipment of hazardous materials that meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 172 Subpart C. A bill of lading or other document used in connection with the movement of freight.

Skills Performance Evaluation (SPE) Certificate - A certificate issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration allowing a person who has an impairment of or loss of a limb, but who is otherwise physically qualified, to operate a commercial motor vehicle

STS - Special Transportation Service.

Tariff - Schedule of rates a carrier charges for providing transportation services.

UCR - Unified Carrier Registration.

USDOT - United States Department of Transportation.

STAY ALERT



31%

of fatal crashes in
work zones involved at least
one large vehicle



Source: FARS 2016 Final and 2017 Annual Report File, NHTSA. FARS data shown here are from the 50 States, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico

There are many reasons why crashes occur. Below is a list of factors that are often present in serious or fatal crashes:

- * Driving too fast,
- * Running off the road or out of traffic,
- * Failure to yield the right of way.

Fatigue and lack of attention will increase your risk of crashes significantly. So:

- * Get plenty of rest before driving,
- * Eat well and stay fit,
- * Comply with the hours of service regulations.