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Update On EOBRs

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration unveiled its “notice of proposed rulemaking” on the use of EOBRs at a press conference January 11, 2007. FMCSA Administrator John Hill outlined the agency’s proposal, which includes mandatory use of EOBRs for motor carriers “that have demonstrated a history of serious non-compliance with the hours-of-services rules.” FMCSA’s proposed rule would require the mandatory installation of EOBRs by carriers that have serious and continued violations of the HOS rules twice with a 2-year compliance review period. For the majority of motor carriers, the use of EOBRs would continue to be voluntary.

How will this proposal, address the issue for drivers time spent behind the wheel driving? To use EOBRs are not should be determined by the motor carrier. The proposed regulation would not only apply to U.S., also Canada and Mexico. EOBRs would replace log sheets, and basic information needed to track a driver’s duty status: date, time and location of the CMVs, and distance traveled. CMVs are paid by the miles.

More information from FMCSA, “Basic of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Electronic On-Board Recorders.” www.fmcsa.dot.gov

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