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**RE: Commercial Vehicle Operator's Registration (CVOR) for Tow Truck
Operators End of Education Period**

As you are aware, all tow truck operators in Ontario have been required to hold a valid CVOR certificate since **January 1, 2017**.

Since then, Ministry of Transportation (MTO) enforcement officers have been providing an educational period for operators who have applied for a CVOR certificate but have not yet received it.

The educational period will be ending May 31, 2017. All tow truck operators are expected to complete the application process and have a valid CVOR certificate in their possession by that time.

Beginning June 1, 2017, an operator and/or driver, if stopped by an MTO enforcement officer or police officer may be charged for:

- Operating without a valid CVOR certificate (\$325 fine).
- Driving without a valid CVOR certificate (\$215 fine).
- Failure to surrender/carry a CVOR certificate in the vehicle (\$110 fine).

Also beginning June 1, 2017, you will not be able to register a tow truck or renew its licence plate sticker unless you hold a valid CVOR certificate. If you are operating under another operator's CVOR, you will be required to provide a letter of authorization from the CVOR holder and sign a declaration before the transaction can be completed.

As previously communicated, further requirements for tow trucks under the *Highway Traffic Act* (HTA) will be phased in over time. However, in this initial phase, the following HTA requirements will continue **not** to apply to tow trucks:

- **Hours of Service (HTA Section 190 and Regulation 555/06)**
 - Daily log (completing, carrying, surrendering)
 - Daily requirements
 - Shift requirements
 - Cycle requirements
 - Recordkeeping requirements for those drivers not required to carry a daily log
 - Retention of documents by operator

- **Daily inspections and associated recordkeeping (HTA Section 107 and Regulation 199/07)**

- Establishment of a maintenance and inspection program by the operator
- Daily inspection reports (completing, carrying, surrendering and forwarding to the operator)
- Inspection schedule (providing, carrying, surrendering)
- Prescribed defects (reporting to the operator, prohibition of driving with major defect)
- Retention of documents by operator

Note: The requirements for tow trucks with a gross weight (actual), registered gross weight or manufacturer's Gross Vehicle Weight Rating greater than 4,500 kg to have an annual inspection and display a yellow inspection decal have **not** changed.

- **Entering truck inspection stations while lights flashing**

Note: Tow trucks are subject to roadside inspections, targeted inspections or scheduled inspections by MTO enforcement officer or police.

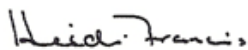
Note: The requirement to enter inspection station if operating under an over dimensional/overweight permit has **not** changed.

The ministry will consult with industry stakeholders during the development of additional regulations for tow truck requirements (operators, vehicles and drivers). MTO will continue to keep you informed of new developments as we move forward.

Please share this information with members of your organization, and share on your websites, online platforms and social media.

Thank you for your support and assistance in sharing this important information.

Sincerely,



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