



CANADIAN FERTILIZER INSTITUTE
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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

March 25, 2011

TO:

CFI MEMBERS

FROM:

Roger Larson, President, Canadian Fertilizer Institute

SUBJECT:

CFI Hours of Service Exemption

CFI Members:

The Canadian Fertilizer Institute has been working with Transport Canada on a limited exemption for its Commercial Vehicle Hours of Service Regulations to allow for more flexibility in the rules governing trucking hours of service for fertilizer delivery during the spring and fall seasons. The application was for the delivery of liquid fertilizer and anhydrous ammonia within Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.

On Friday, March 25 CFI received confirmation that Minister Strahl has approved our application for a limited exemption for spring and fall delivery of liquid fertilizer and anhydrous ammonia.

This exemption applies in the spring from April 1 through to June 20, and in the fall season from September 20 up to November 1. The exemption is valid starting April 1, 2011.

Under the exemption, commercial truck drivers must take at least 36 consecutive hours of off-duty time within any 14-day period. This means a driver cannot accumulate more than 12.5 consecutive on-duty days in any 14-day period. The application does not allow drivers to operate for more hours per day than the current rules stipulate.

An important condition of the exemption is to have the extra-provincial trucking carrier employees (i.e. drivers, shippers, dispatchers, and managers) undergo a driver fatigue management program. CFI developed this program with Transport Canada and the Prairie Province's Trucking Hours of Service Directors. As part of this program, fatigue management compliance protocols were developed. This includes having various driver fatigue assessment forms regularly completed during the operation of the permit. For a copy of the forms please contact Kim Carvell. The online training program will be available online early April at www.cfi.ca/growzone. Notification will be sent out once the program is online.

CFI Members who wish to utilize this permit need to contact Transport Canada and their respective Provincial Hours of Service Directors.

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