



Task Force on Vehicle Weights and Dimension Policy - Roundtable Updates

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Covid Measures/Response

- Weekly/ad-hoc calls with stakeholders
- Implemented a range of Covid measures in collaboration with PHAC, CBSA, ESDC, PSPC and industry to support trucking industry
 - Establishing truck drivers as essential workers
 - Regulatory exemptions to Hours of Service regulations;
 - Essential worker employment confirmation letters to facilitate inter-provincial and international border crossings and access to facilities;
 - Federal safety guidance to protect drivers and limit the spread of COVID-19 in commercial vehicle operations;
 - Practices for the Use of Masks, Face Coverings and Gloves
 - Facilitating/advocating availability of and access to rest stops

ELDs and Hours of Service Regs.

- Amendments to the federal HoS Regulations mandating ELDs go in effect on June 12, 2021.
- Amendments did not alter the core HoS work and rest requirements set in the Regs.
- Testing and certification regime for ELDs is supported by extensive technical specs and test procedures.
- As per regulations ELDs have to be tested and certified by accredited certification bodies (CBs).
- The first CB, FPIinnovations was accredited by the Minister on October 15, 2020 and process for ELD certification has commenced.
- Most P/Ts are pursuing their own ELD mandates and consultations. Some started work on legislative and regulatory amendments as well.

Task Force on HDV Retrofits

- The Task Force on Heavy Duty Vehicle Retrofits was formed out of a commitment made under the Pan Canadian Framework on Clean Growth Climate Change
- It has been mandated to produce two reports:
 - Phase 1 report - a landscape document describing the current state of fuel saving retrofit technologies.
 - Based on the landscape document, the TF will explore policy options under the 2nd phase.
- Phase 1 report is nearly complete and we are currently thinking about how to define Phase 2 which would focus on encouraging the uptake of retrofits.

Zero Emission MHDVs

- Speech from the Throne - Climate action will be a cornerstone of government's plan to support and create a million jobs across the country.
- As part of the plan, zero-emission vehicles will be made more affordable while investing in more charging stations across the country.
- Transport Canada (TC), and other departments, continue to explore federal initiatives that will help increase the adoption of zero emission medium and heavy duty trucks.
- TC plans to engage stakeholders on this initiative in the near future.

Truck Driver Shortages

- TC is aware of the labour shortage faced by trucking industry in the supply chain.
- Engaging with federal partners such as ESDC, ISED, and IRCC, and industry stakeholders, including HR Trucking, to identify strategies to address shortages.
- Speech from the Throne recently announced increased investment in skills training and employment. TC is working with ESDC to ensure this can benefit the trucking industry and drivers as well.

Other TC initiatives of interest

- Cooperative Truck Platooning – Marc Belzile, Transport Canada
- Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems – Hamza Shafique, Transport Canada

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