Contact Information

If you have questions regarding any of these changes, please contact the MVA Motor Carrier Services Section (MCSS) at 410-768-7000 or by email at irp@mdot.state.md.us

Additional information may be found at www.irponline.org or the FMCSA website at www.fmcsa.dot.gov. FMCSA may also be contacted by phone at 1-800-832-5660.

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International Registration Plan (IRP) Changes

- A new IRP application (Schedule A/C) form.
- A new IRP renewal notice.
- A requirement for the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) number and Taxpayer identification Number (TIN) to be provided on these forms for each vehicle being registered. The TIN is the Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) or Social Security Number (SSN). These numbers are for the carrier that is responsible for the safe operation of the vehicle.
- A requirement to specify whether the carrier responsible for the safety of a vehicle is expected to change during the registration year. If the carrier is not expected to change, information about the responsible carrier is included in a bar code on the IRP registration card to assist enforcement in completing vehicle and carrier inspections.
- A requirement to update the company's census data (form MCS 150) with FMCSA every two years.
- Vehicles associated with a carrier that has been placed out of service by FMCSA will be denied IRP registration until the out of service condition has been satisfied. The same applies for vehicles that are subject to a vehicle-level out of service order.

Actions You Should Take to Avoid Service Delays

- When filing an IRP application, ensure that you have completed the information about the motor carrier responsible for the safety of your vehicle(s).
- If the carrier responsible for the safe operation of any vehicle in a fleet does not have a USDOT number, the carrier should obtain one now. Apply online through the FMCSA website www.fmcsa.dot.gov under Registration or Licensing or contact FMCSA at 1-800-832-5660.
- If the responsible carrier has an outstanding out of service order issued by FMCSA, action should be taken to comply with the order.
- If any vehicle in your IRP fleet has an outstanding out of service order issued by FMCSA, action should be taken to comply with the order.

How to Determine the Carrier Responsible for Safety

The motor carrier responsible for safety is the entity accountable for but not limited to, hours-of-service, safety regulations, vehicle maintenance, and drug and alcohol testing.

If the IRP registrant holds that responsibility for all the vehicles in the registrant's fleet, the USDOT number and TIN for the IRP registrant should be listed for each vehicle.

If the IRP registrant only rents or leases its vehicles, the USDOT number of the renter or lessee should be listed regardless if it is a short term or long term lease.

If the IRP registrant is an owner operator that always operates under another company's interstate operating authority, the USDOT number of the carrier holding the authority should be listed regardless if it is a short term or long term lease.

If the IRP registrant is a valid interstate motor carrier, but also rents or leases vehicles to other interstate motor carriers who will be responsible for their safe operation, the following instructions should be followed when providing the USDOT number and TIN of the carrier responsible for the safety of the individual rented or leased vehicles:

Short Term Lease – if the vehicle will be rented or leased for 30 days to an interstate motor carrier, enter the IRP registrant's USDOT number and TIN.

Long Term Lease – if the vehicle will be leased for 30 days or more to an interstate motor carrier, enter the lessee's USDOT number and TIN.

When a lease on a vehicle is changed to a long term lease, a new IRP application to update the motor carrier responsible for safety, must be submitted. A replacement registration card will be issued to ensure safety related events are assigned to the proper carrier.