

**FMCSA Allows New Option For Camera System to Replace Mirrors on Trucks and Buses:** The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has formally announced its decision to grant Stoneridge, Inc.'s application for a limited 5-year exemption to allow motor carriers to operate commercial motor vehicles (CMV) with the company's MirrorEye Camera Monitor System installed as an alternative to the two rear-visibility mirrors required by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (49 CFR 393.80).

The Agency has determined that granting the exemption to allow the use of the MirrorEye System in lieu of mirrors would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level of safety provided by the current regulation. The company also asserts that operators will enjoy fuel economy benefits (2-5 percent) from the new configuration. This exemption will be effective from February 21, 2019 through February 13, 2024. [Read more...](#)

**FMCSA Officially Confirms It's Proceeding With Proposal For Hours Of Service Overhaul:** Ray Martinez, head of the U.S. DOT's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, confirmed that the agency is planning to propose a rule to overhaul hours of service regulations. Martinez's announcement comes after the agency tested the waters last fall with an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking, in which it solicited feedback from industry stakeholders on potential HOS reforms. [Read more...](#)

**Audit Initiated of FMCSA's Oversight of Commercial Driver Medical Certificates:** Ensuring the safety of our Nation's roads requires addressing the increase in fatalities involving large trucks and buses. One key area of addressing motor carrier safety is to ensure that commercial drivers maintain a valid medical certificate, which confirms they are healthy enough to safely operate the commercial vehicle. The U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General, is initiating an audit of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) oversight processes and controls for the medical certificate program and the quality of data submitted to the medical certificate database. The objectives for this self-initiated audit are to evaluate FMCSA's procedures for (1) oversight of its medical certificate program, including commercial driver medical certificate data quality, and (2) validating information in its National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners. [Read more...](#)

**FMCSA Formally Ends Its Driver Diabetes Exemption Program:** The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration on Feb. 21 formally announced the immediate end of its exemption process for the medical certification of insulin-dependent truck and bus drivers.

In a Federal Register announcement, the agency said diabetic drivers who possess a medical card will need to renew, and those seeking a medical card in the future will be certified to drive only if they get a green light from an agency-certified medical examiner. [Read more...](#)

**Publicly Available Information on ELDs:** FMCSA's ELD [website](#) hosts the official list of ELDs that have been registered and self-certified by their providers as meeting the minimum requirements specified in the technical specifications of the ELD rule. ELD

providers are responsible for ensuring that the information in their device listing is accurate and remains up-to-date.

To assist motor carriers in determining which ELDs have been properly registered and self-certified as compliant ELDs, the following information is publicly available, per section 5.3 of the ELD rule:

- Company name, address, phone number, and website
- ELD name, model number, and software version
- ELD identifier, a unique identifier assigned by FMCSA during the registration process
- Picture and/or screen shot of the ELD
- ELD user manual
- Description of the supported and certified data transfer methods, and step-by-step instructions for producing and transferring the ELD records to an authorized safety official
- Summary description of ELD malfunctions
- Certifying statement describing how the product was tested to comply with FMCSA regulations [Read more...](#)

**FMCSA Acts to Upgrade Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) Regulations and Slash Burdensome Regulatory Costs by \$18 Million Annually:** The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) today announced a final rule streamlining the process and reducing costs to upgrade from a Class B to Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL). By adopting a new Class A CDL theory instruction upgrade curriculum, the final rule will save eligible driver trainees and motor carriers \$18 million annually. [Read more...](#)

**Coming Soon, FMCSA Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse:** The Clearinghouse will improve highway safety by helping employers, FMCSA, State Driver Licensing Agencies, and State law enforcement to quickly and efficiently identify drivers who are not legally permitted to operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) due to drug and alcohol program violations. This secure online database will provide access to real-time information, ensuring that drivers committing these violations complete the necessary steps before getting back behind the wheel, or performing any other safety-sensitive function. [Read more...](#)