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Updated CSA 2010 Timeline



After listening carefully to all stakeholders including Operational Model test participants, enforcement staff, and industry safety experts, FMCSA developed a revised schedule for the roll out of CSA 2010 in line with its commitment to launch this program in the most effective way possible. The rollout schedule is designed to methodically step federal and state enforcement staff, as well as the motor carrier industry, into the program one stride at a time

– increasing the safety benefits through better understanding and increased accountability for good safety performance. The rollout timeline is outlined below:

- ❑ **April 12 – November 30, 2010** – Motor carriers can preview their own data by seeing their roadside inspections/violations and crash events organized by Behavior Analysis and Safety Improvement Category (BASIC).
- ❑ **Summer 2010**
 - ⇒ **June 30th** – The Operational Model (Op-Model) Test will end.
 - ⇒ **July** – The four “50/50” Op-Model Test states, Colorado, Georgia, Missouri and New Jersey, will join the five 100% Op-Model Test states in implementing the program.
 - ⇒ **August** – Motor carriers will be able to see an assessment of their violations based on the new Carrier Safety Measurement System (CSMS) which will replace SafeStat later in 2010.
- ❑ **Fall/Winter 2010**
 - ⇒ SafeStat will be replaced by the CSMS. CSMS will be available to the public, including shippers and insurance companies.
 - ⇒ FMCSA/States will prioritize enforcement using the CSMS.
 - ⇒ FMCSA will begin to issue Warning Letters to carriers with deficient BASICs.
 - ⇒ Roadside inspectors will use the CSMS results to identify carriers for inspection.
- ❑ **Winter 2010** - Safety Fitness Determination Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) is scheduled to be released.
- ❑ **2011** – Enforcement staff will be trained, and new interventions will be implemented State-by-State.

Section Interpretation

Section 395.8 Driver's Record of Duty Status

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Question: Are drivers who electronically scan a copy of their original record of duty status (RODS) for subsequent submission to the motor carrier required to prepare the RODS in duplicate?

Guidance: No. Although 49 CFR 395.8(a)(1) states, “Every driver who operates a commercial motor vehicle [in interstate commerce] shall record his/her duty status, in duplicate, for each 24-hour period,” the intent of the requirement may be fulfilled through the electronic submission of a scanned image of the original handwritten RODS to the regular employing motor carrier within 13 days following the completion of the form, while the driver retains the original records for the current day and the previous 7 consecutive days. Because existing regulations concerning the preservation of records (49 CFR 390.31) allow motor carriers to store electronically a scanned image of the original handwritten RODS submitted by drivers and essentially dispose of the original paper document, there is no adverse impact on the enforcement of the HOS regulations, and subsequently no compromise on the application of the safety requirement by allowing the driver to submit a scanned image of the original signed RODS to the regular employing motor carrier within 13 days of the completion of the record. Motor carriers must maintain the scanned image of the signed RODS and all supporting documents for each driver for a period of six months from the date of receipt (49 CFR 395.8(k)).



More information: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-13900.htm>