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Electronic Logging Devices: Changes Coming into Effect June 2021

On June 12, 2019, Transport Canada published amendments to the Commercial Vehicle Drivers Hours of Service Regulations.

Currently, motor carriers and drivers maintain a daily log. By June 2021, the ELD mandate in Canada will require truck drivers who follow hours of service (HOS) regulations to switch from paper logbooks to electronic logging devices (ELDs) that have been tested and certified by an accredited certification body. An ELD connects to the electronic control module of a vehicle. These devices make it easier and faster to track, manage, share and improve the accuracy of a driver's hours of service record.

Motor carriers and drivers will need to use ELDs that have been certified by an accredited certification body that has followed the criteria set in the most recent version of the Standard. While commercial motor vehicle drivers will still need to enter some of the information from their record of duty status (like on-duty time related to fueling, loading or unloading), the ELD will automatically record other information, such as driving time, odometer readings, and engine power-up.

There will be a 24-month implementation period to ensure companies that make, or supply, devices can meet the new requirements and have their devices tested and certified. While Transport Canada originally included a two-year grandfathering period to allow extra time for fleets using other electronic recording devices to switch to certified ELDs, this grandfathering period has since been eliminated, and as such **motor carriers will need to choose, buy and install certified devices in their commercial motor vehicles by June 12, 2021.**

Commercial vehicle means a vehicle that: (a) is operated by a motor carrier and propelled otherwise than by muscular power; and (b) is a truck, tractor, trailer or any combination of them that has a registered gross vehicle weight in excess of **4 500 kg** or a bus that is designed and constructed to have a designated seating capacity of more than 10 persons, including the driver.

Application

(1) These Regulations apply to all commercial vehicles other than the following:

- a) a two or three-axle commercial vehicle being used for
 - a. transporting the primary products of a farm, forest, sea or lake, if the driver or the motor carrier is the producer of the products, or
 - b. a return trip after transporting the primary products of a farm, forest, sea or lake, if the vehicle is empty or is transporting products used in the principal operation of a farm, forest, sea or lake;
- b) an emergency vehicle; and
- c) a vehicle engaged in providing relief in the case of a public welfare emergency, as that expression is defined in section 5 of the Emergencies Act.

For more information please visit: <https://tc.canada.ca/en/road-transportation/electronic-logging-devices/electronic-logging-devices-what-you-need-know>.

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