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NEW HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLE EMISSIONS STANDARDS COULD EFFECT CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES BY 2014

You may have heard recently that Canada plans to follow the Obama administration's lead in requiring manufacturers and importers to meet new fuel-efficiency standards to lower greenhouse gas emissions for large trucks and buses.

The proposed rules for the commercial truck industry will apply to large vehicles such as 18-wheelers, combination tractors, garbage trucks and delivery vans. The rules will require manufacturers to begin offering more fuel-efficient vehicles as early as 2014, and ramp up to bigger emissions reductions by 2018.

This is also part of a federal goal to reduce Canada's total greenhouse gas emissions by 17 percent from 2005 levels by the year 2020.



Given the amount of trans-boundary shipping in North America, having both Canada and the U.S. in sync with trucking regulations is an important move.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has estimated that the regulations will reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by 76 million tons annually by 2030, and will translate into other benefits as well:

- **For the trucking industry:** Savings of up to \$73,000 over the life of the vehicle.
- **For human health:** Improved air quality through the reduction of particulate matter and ozone.
- **In the U.S.:** projected savings of 530 million barrels of oil, reducing carbon pollution emissions by about 270 million metric tons.

Based on the size of the fleet in Canada, this translates to a savings of about 26 million barrels of oil and 13 million metric tonnes of carbon pollution emissions, along with a reduction of about 4 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions annually by 2030 in Canada.

ACTA will keep you posted on how these regulations could affect you.



YELLOW ALERT!!

When you happen to spot a truck that isn't sporting our trademark ACTA plate, take the

opportunity to ask the driver why he/she isn't an ACTA member! Be sure to direct them to

www.myacta.ca, where they can be informed of upcoming events and issues facing our industry, find out about the benefits of joining ACTA, or download the *TRACTION* newsletter.

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WORKING HOURLY WITHIN CITY LIMITS SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. Abide by all road signs, speed limits and road conditions. There is no need to be a speed demon on the job and get more loads than everyone else. Just keep up to the pace of everyone else.
2. Follow the haul route, if you are given one by the foreman or supervisor.
3. If there are incidents occurring on the road from the trucks that are on your job, radio in to your office. The office will call the business and tell them what is going on.
4. Do not get involved in arguments on job sites with foremen, supervisors, flaggers, or others on the job.
5. If you run into problems with your truck, the dumping or loading situations, tell your office so they can do their best in assisting you. They can also tell the foreman or supervisor what has happened.
6. If a negative situation occurs on the job with your truck or others, don't be reluctant to inform your office. Do not deal with the situation on your own.
7. Some of the employees you work with will probably be happy to share their knowledge concerning any problems with your truck. If you can't solve a problem yourself, get help from someone that may have more experience.

Visit www.myacta.ca today!

It was brought to our attention that in the Summer issue of the TRACTION newsletter, Chris Cooney's contact information was incorrect. This has been corrected in the online version available on the ACTA website and on this issue. We apologize for this oversight.

TRUCK DRIVER SAFETY TIPS TO REDUCE WINTER TRUCKING LIABILITY

By Ed Heath

Winter is just around the corner, with all of the associated truck driving liability associated with the onset of this season. Preparing your staff and drivers for winter weather challenges well in advance of its arrival will reduce the stress of this driving season. Winter weather and driving in snow and ice is difficult. It tests the skills and professionalism of our drivers. We must be mentally and physically ready to support them and get them home safely.

There are three core issues connected with operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) in winter weather conditions. They are:

- Limited traction
- Limited visibility
- Personal safety (staying warm and uninjured)

Let's take a look at each of these three areas as we shift our focus to the support of our drivers in winter weather.

Limited Traction - Friction is the key element in being able to move, stop or maneuver the vehicle. The amount of total friction area on a typical 18 wheeled tractor-trailer is 7.3 square feet. This is an area roughly 3.5 feet wide X 2 ft long, approximately half the size of the top of a standard desk! This is not much friction area to control or stop 80,000 pounds. Managing this limited amount of traction is critical to safe driving in these conditions, i.e. winter!! Some tips include:

- Slow down!
- Drive smoothly - No sudden starts or stops. Remember a sliding wheel will try to take the lead and is what leads to most slick road jackknives.
- Keep your view far down the road. Avoid tunnel vision so you can predict traffic slowing down well in advance.
- Extra following distance is a must. Extra space equals extra time to maneuver and avoid other drivers and vehicles.
- Be especially careful when temperatures are in the -18° to -22° C range and lower. Black ice can form without warning and the roads will actually only look wet. Bridges will be the first to ice without the earth beneath them to insulate them from the air temperature.

Limited visibility comes in the form of poorly cleaned cab windows and mirrors, blowing snow and ice, and passing vehicles kicking up snow and ice in front of your driver and truck. Some tips to address limited visibility include:

- Clean your windshield, side windows and mirror before you leave and at every stop. If you can't see, you can't drive safely.
- Pre-trip the truck - carry extra fluids, especially wiper fluid.
- Be certain all hoses and belts are in good condition to not break down and leave you on the side of the road in the cold.

Personal Safety - staying warm and uninjured during harsh winter conditions. Some tips in this area include:

- Carry a winter survival kit to include: flashlight and extra batteries; non-perishable food and water; extra warm clothes and snow boots; extra blankets; charger for cell phone; first aid kit; and snow broom/ice scraper.
- Watch your step while entering or exiting the cab or on untreated parking lots and sidewalks.

Dress for the weather. Stay dry and wear layers of clothes.

- Keep the cab comfortable but not too warm or too cold to assure you are alert when driving.

Trucking freight and cargo needs to move even in the coldest winter months. Some pre-planning and attention to detail will allow us to provide transportation services safely. Take extra care in winter conditions and come home safely. Be aware of weather and highway conditions where your drivers are dispatched. Remind them at the close of every call to drive safely in winter weather conditions.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dbo Chatha Trucking
(Parminder Singh Chatha)

Raj Trucking Ltd
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SUPPORT YOUR INDUSTRY & PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS, PRODUCT OR SERVICE... ALL AT THE SAME TIME!

ACTA affiliate members are entitled to one complimentary quarter page ad in *TRACTION*.

Call the ACTA office at (403) 244-4487, or fax in the membership application form on the back page of this newsletter to be eligible for your free ad.

BENEFITS OF BEING AN ACTA MEMBER

- **Access to a fuel discount program through Chevron Cardlock** - yearly savings through this discount program can more than cover your annual membership dues (Chevron Cardlock credit application form). This program gives the opportunity for individual truckers as well as small and medium sized companies to have the opportunity to purchase Cardlock diesel fuel at very competitive prices. For further details on the fuel discount program please contact Jim Turner at 587-999-3401 or jim@chrispage.ca.
- **Quarterly newsletter** - updates on membership benefits; details on upcoming member meetings; industry news; updates on federal, provincial and municipal government affairs activities
- **Members-only website access** - the members-only section of the ACTA website includes a job board (both for companies looking for drivers and for drivers looking for work) and a classifieds section
- **Bi-monthly membership meetings** - meetings typically include a presentation by an ACTA affiliate member, an update from the ACTA president on upcoming initiatives, and an open forum where members can share concerns with the Board and fellow members
- **Strength in numbers** - opportunity to express your opinion to governments and administrators through the united voice of ACTA

ACTA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I/we hereby make application for membership in the Alberta Construction Trucking Association and agree to conform to and abide by the bylaws, rules and regulations of ACTA.

Name (please print) _____ Email _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

Phone (cell) _____ Fax _____

Membership Category	1 YEAR
Regular	
1 – 5 trucks	\$210.00
6 – 12 trucks	\$315.00
13 - 21+ trucks	\$525.00
Affiliate (suppliers)	\$525.00

Membership Dues (please reference membership dues table to confirm amount): \$ _____
(Amounts include GST)

- I enclose a cheque payable to ACTA
(please mail cheque to PO Box 4520 Station C,
Calgary AB, T2T 5N3)
- Charge to my credit card as follows:
___ Visa ___ Mastercard ___ American Express

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Signature: _____



Please complete, detach, and submit form to the ACTA office:

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