

THE NEW TRUCKER'S ALMANAC by Josh Hancock

NEW AUTHORITY CHECKLIST/TIMELINE

- 1. FIRST OBTAIN YOUR USDOT NUMBER AND MC (MOTOR CARRIER) NUMBER. VISIT WWW.AUTHORITIESDIRECT.COM FOR A SPECIAL INTERNET PRICE FOR YOUR AUTHORITY.**
- 2. OBTAIN YOUR BOC-3 PROCESS AGENT FILING. AUTHORITIES DIRECT OFFERS THIS FILING AS PART THE ICC PACKAGE. THIS FILING IS REQUIRED.**
- 3. IMMEDIATELY SHOP FOR TRUCK INSURANCE. THIS WILL MAKE EVERYTHING ELSE HAPPEN SOONER! WE HAVE A TEAM OF TRUCK INSURANCE SPECIALISTS AVAILABLE TO QUOTE THE MOST COMPETITIVE PRICES IN THE INDUSTRY. COMMON FEDERAL FILINGS NEEDED ARE THE BMC-91X(PROOF OF PRIMARY LIABILITY) AND BMC-34(PROOF OF CARGO INSURANCE). COMMON STATE FILINGS INCLUDE THE FORM E AND FORM H.(THESE ARE OFTEN REQUIRED WITH SINGLE STATE REGISTRATION)**
- 4. ORDER YOUR NEW MEXICO WEIGHT DISTANCE PERMIT. AUTHORITIESDIRECT.COM \$15.00 THIS CAN TAKE 3-4 WEEKS TO OBTAIN.**
- 5. ONCE TRUCK INSURANCE HAS BEEN PUT IN PLACE, AND APPROPRIATE FILINGS REQUESTED FROM THE INSURANCE COMPANIES, ENSURE THAT YOU ARE COMPLIANT WITH THE IFTA(INTERNATIONAL FUEL TAX AGREEMENT) REQUIREMENTS. YOU WILL NEED AN ASSIGNED NUMBER, AS WELL AS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOMEONE TO PREPARE/FILE**

THE QUARTERLY MILEAGE REPORTS (OR TACKLE THEM YOURSELF).

- 6. WHAT HAPPENS NOW? IT WILL TAKE 3-5 DAYS FOR YOUR INSURANCE FILINGS TO POST TO YOUR MC NUMBER ON THE FMCSA'S LICENSING & INSURANCE WEBSITE. http://li-public.fmcsa.dot.gov/LIVIEW/pkg_carrquery.prc_carrlist ONCE THESE FILINGS POST, IT NORMALLY TAKES FMCSA 5 TO 7 BUSINESS DAYS TO APPROVE YOUR AUTHORITY. THEY WILL SEND YOU A LETTER STATING THAT YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE.**
- 7. HOWEVER! THIS DOES NOT MEAN YOU ARE FREE TO RUN YET. YOU MUST COMPLETE YOUR SINGLE STATE REGISTRATION SUBMISSION TO YOUR BASE STATE. THIS CONSISTS OF AN RS-1 AND RS-2 APPLICATION, A COPY OF YOUR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY(FROM FMCSA), A COPY OF YOUR BOC-3 FORM, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION(SOME STATES), AND A CHECK FOR THE APPLICABLE FEES(SEE RS-2). WITH ANY LUCK, THE INSURANCE COMPANY WILL HAVE ALREADY FILED PROOF OF INSURANCE(FORM E,H) WITH THE STATE, AND YOU WILL WALK OUT WITH AN RS-3(WHICH IS THE RECEIPT/CAB CARD THAT SHOWS ALL THE STATES YOU ARE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL FOR HIRE.)**
- 8. ORDER YOUR NYHUT(NEW YORK)STICKER, OR KYU NUMBER(KENTUCKY) IF NEEDED. WE CAN OBTAIN FOR YOU WITHIN 24 HOURS.**
- 9. NOT ALL STATES PARTICIPATE IN THE SINGLE STATE REGISTRATION SYSTEM. IF NOT YOUR ARE REQUIRED**

TO COMPLY WITH EACH NON-PARTICIPATING STATE.

10. IT TAKES A LITTLE MORE THAN 10 EASY STEPS TO START A TRUCKING COMPANY. I LEFT OUT DETERMINATION (BULL-HEADEDNESS), STRONG WILL TO SURVIVE (PERSISTANCE), AND PATIENCE. THE FIRST YEAR SEEMS TO BE THE TOUGHEST. KEEP YOUR HEAD UP, TRY TO KEEP YOUR CLAIMS/ACCIDENTS TO A MINIMUM, AND WATCH THOSE SPEEDING TICKETS. ALL OF THIS WILL CALCULATE AN INSURANCE PREMIUM WHEN YOUR RENEWAL COMES UP. YOU MAY ALSO WANT TO CONSIDER FACTORING YOUR INVOICES. VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES.

THIS CHECKLIST WILL HELP GIVE YOU A MINIATURE “BUSINESS PLAN”, SO TO SPEAK, WHEN TRYING TO ACQUIRE THE AUTHORITY TO ENGAGE IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE WITH THE FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION(FMCSA).

FOR QUESTIONS OR FURTHER INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.AUTHORITIESDIRECT.COM

GOOD LUCK!

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