

DANNEMILLER BULLETIN

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Changes to CSA:

Carrier scores on the current CSA website now reflect changes that were announced last March. The changes include a completely separate "Basic" for Hazardous Materials which replaces the "Cargo related" basic where Haz-Mat violations were formerly scored. Cargo securement violations will now be scored under the Vehicle Maintenance "Basic". The "Fatigued Driving" basic has been appropriately renamed to "Hours-of-Service". Seemingly a lot to do about nothing.

Some serious changes were made, including:

1. Under "Unsafe Driving", the speeding violations for 1-5 MPH over the limit have been removed from the scoring process.

The severity score for speeding violations issued after January 1, 2011 (yes, 2011) for which they don't indicate how much over the limit will be reduced from 5 to 1.

2. Under "Hours-of-Service", violations resulting from a Level V (vehicle only) inspection will not be included in the scoring process. All "form and manner" violations now carry a weighting score of 1 and all "no log" violations now carry a weighting score of 5, whether for paper or electronic logs.

3. Under "Vehicle Maintenance", several violations were removed from the scoring process, including "Failure to display current CVSA decal", "Failure to maintain a reasonable temperature" and "Failure to maintain restroom on bus". Vehicle Maintenance violations resulting from a Level III (driver only) inspection will not be counted in the scoring process. On intermodal equipment, violations that should have been found during the standard pre-trip inspection will be held against the carrier.

4. The new "Haz-Mat" basic now includes 112 new violations. The scoring process relies on data from inspections of placarded vehicles.

5. For a Haz-Mat undesignated carrier to be designated as a Haz-Mat carrier, the carrier must have at least two inspections involving placarded Haz-Mat within the last 24 months with one of those inspections occurring within the past 12 months, and at least 5% of total inspections involving placarded Haz-Mat.

Let me know if any questions

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