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## **DANNEMILLER BULLETIN**

### **(February 2, 2015)**

**FMCSR Adoption** - Ohio has adopted the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR) as in effect on May 14, 2014. The adoption procedure also included revisions to the Ohio intrastate exception to the Hours-of-Service regulations for carriers involved in the transportation of construction materials and equipment. Drivers of these commodities are now limited to 12 hours driving time and 16 hours on-duty time following 10 consecutive hours off-duty. Also limited to 70 on-duty hours in 7 days unless they operate every day of the week in which case they are limited to 80 on-duty hours in 8 days. A 24-hour re-start will reset the 70/80 hour clock.

Adoption of the Federal regulations also included the ban on using hand-held cell phones in a commercial vehicle, which previously was only applicable to interstate operations.

**Electronic Logs** - The FMCSR is estimating that by September 30, 2015 it will complete the rulemaking process establishing the guidelines for most interstate carriers to switch to Electronic Logging Devices (ELD's). If this happens (it has been years in the making), most drivers will be required to switch over to using ELD's within a specified period of time.

This is not as big a deal as previously thought. There is expense to be sure, but for most companies, especially those with falsification issues, it almost immediately results in dramatically fewer log violations and attendant CSA scores. In working with clients, my experience has been that even the drivers reluctant to switch to electronic logs are usually glad they did after a few months.

Let me know if any questions

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