Reminder!
Event Cancellations

At this time we will be cancelling our upcoming Networking Breakfast on April 2nd and the Stakeholder Reception on April 8th to ensure the health and safety of all. Any companies that have paid for the breakfast registrations will be refunded. A future date will be looked at for rescheduling these important events.

Thank you to The Sandman Hotel Group who is committed to working with Emergency services during this challenging time to provide a clean and safe environment during the COVID-19 crisis. They will be giving discounted rates that are available until June 30, 2020.

Training
- PDIC Instructor Course
  April 7th, 2020 Virtual
- LCV Instructor Course
  April 8th, 2020 Virtual
- PDIC Course
  April 15th, 2020 Virtual
- LCV Course
  April 16th, 2020 Virtual
- Hours of Service with Logbook
  April 21st, 2020 Virtual
- Cargo Securement
  April 22nd, 2020 Virtual
- Transportation of Dangerous Goods
  April 23rd, 2020 Virtual
News from the STA Office

Canadian Transportation Consultants Inc. (CTCI)

CTCI: If you need help with your IRP Plating, our CTCI department can do that for you. You can reach Rhonda @ infoctci@sasktel.net or call her at either the STA number 306 569-9696 or 306 545-8400- CTCI Phone.

Saskatchewan Trucking Association Virtual Classes Now Happening!

The Saskatchewan Trucking Association is now offering virtual training! All the great things about our in-class training now virtual. To register for the course please fill out a registration form. The STA website training calendar is now up to date and you can view upcoming classes. Click here to access.

To register for an upcoming instructor course click here
To register for all other classes click here

Email registration forms to alie@sasktrucking.com

Note: There was an error in the March 25th communication in regards to training. RIDE Course will be held on May 29th, 2020 not May 19th-29th, 2020.

News from Saskatchewan

Provincial Hours of Service Exemption

The government of Saskatchewan has temporarily modified The Commercial Vehicles Hours of Service Regulations for commercial truck drivers directly involved in the responses to COVID-19. Please familiarize yourself with the list of immediate goods and supplies that meet the exemption. For those that are transporting supplies in direct relation to the COVID-19 response, you are granted a full exemption from the Provincial HOS.

Driver Recommendations:

· Strongly encouraged to monitor your own ability and level of alertness to prevent driving while fatigued
· When a driver determines their ability to operate safely is reduced, they must take measures to get adequate rest.
· Strongly encouraged drivers take a break of 24 hours after 14 continuous days of work
· Practice proactive hygiene
· Adhere to social distancing
· Closely self-monitor
· Self-isolate should they exhibit any symptoms.

Upon returning to Saskatchewan, truck drivers are exempt from the 14-day self-isolation period.
At the conclusion of the emergency period and prior to returning to normal operations, the driver is required to take eight consecutive hours off duty before driving.

Interprovincial Borders

Please be aware Government of Canada has instituted check points at high traffic interprovincial borders (MB/SK border). There is no plan to close these borders, however check points are in place to inform travelers of the risk of COVID-19. These will cause some delays, please inform drivers and let me know of any challenges.

Notes:

- Provincial employees will be masked and gloved
- All traffic to be stopped & handed an info brochure about the need for travelers (both international and inter-provincial) to self-isolate for 14 days.
- Travelers will be asked not to exit their vehicles at the check stop
- No one will be prevented from entering the province but will be for information purposes only

National News

Federal Emergency Wage Subsidy

Canadian businesses whose revenue has decreased by 30 per cent or more due to COVID-19 will be eligible for the 75 per cent wage subsidy program, regardless of the number of employees they have. There are no requirements on the size of business; charities and not-for-profits are also eligible. The emergency wage subsidy is being back-dated to March 15, and is an increase to the initial commitment of a 10 per cent subsidy. The subsidy will be on the first $58,700 earned, meaning up to $847 a week.

Additional support for Canadian Business from the Economic Impact of COVID-19

The Government of Canada is making additional investments to support Canadian businesses from the economic impacts of COVID-19. These new investments provide support to financial institutions and allow them to quickly provide credit and liquidity options for a range of businesses. Read the full article here.

Federal HOS Exemption

Following the federal announcement of HOS exemptions for Essential Freight Transport Exemption, the ministry of Highways and Infrastructure has made available an email where you can provide the required information to use the federal exemption. The email is, MHITrucking@gov.sk.ca. Companies should be providing the following information (identified on exemption)

- the commercial vehicles that are to be operated;
- the licence plate numbers of those vehicles and the province of issuance;
the names of drivers who will operate the commercial vehicles; and,
the drivers' driving licence numbers and province of issuance;
For more information click here

Canadian Trucking Alliance

Transportation of Dangerous Goods

Transport Canada has announced potential relief options for drivers and carriers to extend training certificate and tank inspection renewal dates.

The measures which are optional in nature would allow for the extension of the validity of training certificates and specific tank inspections under CSA’s 620 regime until July 1, 2020, should training and tank certification be a challenge for industry during the COVID-19 crisis.

While extension options are being offered, they do come with a number of conditions. Carriers are encouraged to review the official notice from Transport Canada. Full details can be found below:

Click here
Click Here

Temporary Foreign Workers

Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) recently announced exemptions to travel restrictions to facilitate entry of Temporary Foreign Workers (TFW’s) into Canada and have released an info-sheet which includes criteria for employers, including guidance for those that provide accommodations to TFW’s. Find the announcement here, and the document, here.

Spring Weight Restriction Resource

Details include links to provincial government websites as well as a section that highlights if exemptions or special provisions to each jurisdictions’ spring weight restrictions are in play.

View Spring Weight Restrictions and Reduced Load Periods