The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has published updated hours of service (HOS) rules for commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. All Electronic Logging Devices (ELD) must be updated to comply with new FMCSA HOS rule by: September 30, 2020.

Motor carriers must be notified of the software update and encouraged to accept the software update on their devices to avoid an interruption in service.

The motor carrier is responsible for checking that their device is registered. This includes checking both the registration and revocation list periodically. The list of registered and revoked ELDs can be found on the following link: https://eld.fmcsa.dot.gov/list

In the event that an ELD is removed from the registration list, FMCSA will make efforts to notify the public and affected users. Motor carriers and drivers are encouraged to sign-up for ELD updates to receive notifications on when an ELD has been listed on the Revocation list.

The new hours of service rule will have an implementation date of September 30, 2020, 120 days after publication in the Federal Register.

The regulation on HOS rules offer four main revisions to the existing rules:

- The FMCSA will increase the flexibility for the 30-minute break requirement by allowing the break to be satisfied by using On-Duty, rather than OFF-Duty status.

- The FMCSA will modify the sleeper-berth rule to allow CMV drivers to split 10 hours OFF-Duty into two periods: an 8/2 split, or a 7/3 split. Neither period will be counting against the 14-hour shift.

- The Agency will modify the adverse driving conditions exception by extending by two hours the maximum window during which driving is permitted.

- The FMCSA will change the short-haul exception available to CDL drivers by lengthening the maximum On-Duty period from 12 to 14 hours and extending the distance limit from 100 air miles to 150 air miles.