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DOT's Proposed Changes To The Hours of Service Rules

A Guide For Drivers



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Overview of the Proposed Changes

- ▼ Maximum Driving Time – DOT “prefers” 10 hours
- ▼ On Duty Time – 14 hour “driving window”, but limited to 13 hours of on-duty time
 - ▼ Could extend window to 16 hours twice weekly, but 13 hour on-duty limit would still applies
 - ▼ Must go off-duty at the end of the window
 - ▼ Waiting time at an oil well or natural gas site would not count toward calculation of the 14 (or 16) hour window.



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Overview of the Proposed Changes

- ▼ Rest Breaks – Mandatory minimum 30 minute break within first 7 hours.
- ▼ Off-Duty Time - two changes proposed:
 - ▼ Drivers would be permitted to record time in a parked CMV as off-duty time
 - ▼ Team drivers would be permitted to record up to 2 hours in the passenger seat as off-duty, if just before or after a sleeper berth period.



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Overview of the Proposed Changes (continued)

▼ Restart – Minimum 34 hour period would be retained, BUT...

▼ Must include two nighttime periods (midnight to 6 a.m.)

Example: Driver ends shift at 1 a.m. and takes restart, but cannot drive until 6 a.m. two days later.

▼ Can only be used once each 7 calendar days

Cannot begin new restart until 168 hours have elapsed since beginning of most recent restart



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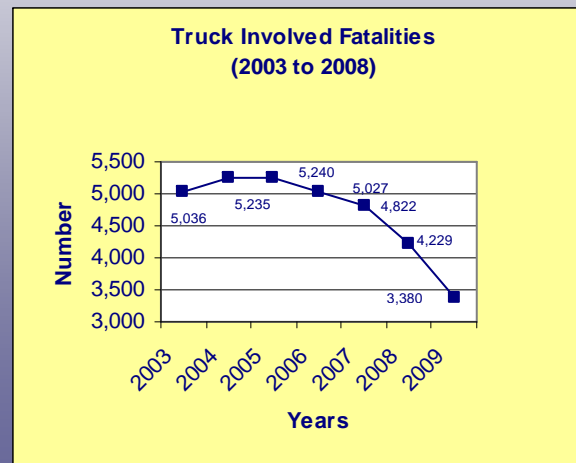


Likely Impacts

- ▼ A reduction in driver pay due to less wage-earning time each day;
- ▼ The need for additional, inexperienced, potentially unsafe drivers;
- ▼ Increased freight costs causing a devastating impact on a fragile US economy;
- ▼ More drivers stranded at overcrowded rest areas
- ▼ An increase in day time truck traffic and congestion

Why Change the Rules??

- ▼ Since the current HOS rules first went into effect in 2004
 - ▼ Truck related fatalities and injuries are at their lowest levels in recorded history
 - ▼ Truck related fatalities have dropped 33%
 - ▼ Truck related injuries have dropped 39%





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Why Change the Rules??

- ▼ Changes are politically motivated
- ▼ DOT signed settlement agreement over lawsuit brought by Teamsters and two advocacy groups
- ▼ Public input accepted through end of February
- ▼ Final Rule due in July 2011



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What You Can Do....

- ▼ Give DOT your thoughts on the proposed rule
- ▼ Offer perspectives and impacts they did not take into consideration
- ▼ DOT is required to read every *unique* letter
 - ▼ But not every *form* letter
- ▼ You Will Be Heard!



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Here's How...

- ▼ Go To www.safedriverhours.com
- ▼ Click on "Information For Drivers" and follow the simple instructions
- ▼ We've provided everything to make it easy:
 - ▼ Talking points
 - ▼ Instructions on how to contact DOT
 - ▼ Sample letters