



### CMV INSPECTOR ADVISORY When Inspecting a Mexico-Domiciled Pilot Program Motor Carrier

#### 1. ENSURE MOTOR CARRIER, DRIVER & VEHICLES ARE APPROVED

- ❖ Verify **company/drivers/vehicles** are approved for the program on the FMCSA website directly: <http://qc.fmcsa.dot.gov> or via FMCSA portal: [www.portal.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.portal.fmcsa.dot.gov)
- ❖ Only approved carriers, drivers, & vehicles may operate beyond the commercial zone (CZ).
- ❖ Use of unapproved drivers/vehicles outside the CZ is operating beyond the scope of the carrier's authority.

#### 2. CONFIRM AUTHORITY: Approved carriers may **NOT**:

- ❖ Engage in Cabotage: Point-to-point transportation of freight wholly within the U.S. is strictly prohibited. Carriers may only transport international freight. Transportation of international freight to points within the U.S. is **not** cabotage and is approved.
- ❖ Transport HazMat requiring placarding as per 49 CFR Subpart F, Part 172.500; non-placardable HazMat is allowed.
- ❖ Transport oversized/overweight goods, longer combination vehicles (LCVs), or industrial cranes, or engage in vehicle towing or rescue, packaging and courier services, or the transportation of passengers.

#### 3. DRIVERS & CDL/ELP REQUIREMENTS.

- ❖ Drivers must be verified as approved for the specific motor carrier for whom they drive.
- ❖ Drivers must have a Mexican Licencia Federal de Conductor (LF) or U.S. CDL. The LF should be verified via routine NLETS query.



### CMV INSPECTOR ADVISORY When Inspecting a Mexico-Domiciled Pilot Program Motor Carrier

- ❖ Mexican state licenses are **not** accepted for operating a CMV beyond the commercial zone.
- ❖ Drivers were evaluated and passed an English Language Proficiency (ELP) assessment to be approved for the pilot program.
- ❖ Approved drivers who make a good faith effort to respond to official inquiries in English should be deemed compliant but if the driver is not responding to official inquires, the driver should be deemed to be in non-compliance.

#### 4. ENSURE APPROVED VEHICLES MEET REQUIREMENTS.

- ❖ Approved vehicles must display a currently valid CVSA inspection decal and the assigned USDOT number with an "X" suffix.
- ❖ Vehicles are required to be equipped with electronic monitoring devices to monitor hours of service and record the vehicle location (GPS). These devices should be operational at all times.

#### North American Standard inspection procedures should be followed during an inspection.

- ❖ If CVSA decal is removed for violations discovered, advise driver of procedure for subsequent inspection to receive a new, valid CVSA decal.

**CRASH DATA: Pilot carriers involved in a crash while in the U.S. need to be identified quickly. Prepare accident report form & send copy to FMCSA Division office in your state. In ANY crash (recordable or non-recordable) immediate notification by telephone or email to the FMCSA Division office in your state is requested.**