RODS requirement in foreign country prior to entering the US

**§395.8 Driver’s record of duty status.**

## Guidance Q&A

***Question 25:*** Is a driver (United States or foreign) required to maintain a record of duty status (log book) in a foreign country before entering the U.S.?

***Guidance:*** No. The FMCSA does not require drivers to prepare records of duty status while operating outside the jurisdiction of the United States. *However,* it may be advantageous for any driver (U.S. or foreign) to prepare records of duty status for short-term foreign trips. Upon entering the U.S., each driver must either: (a) Have in his/her possession a record of duty status current on the day of the examination showing the total hours worked for the prior seven consecutive days, including time spent outside the U.S.; or, (b) Demonstrate that he/she is operating as a “100 air-mile (161 air-kilometer) radius driver” under §395.1(e).