

Truck Leasing Task Force (TLTF)

Task 24-1: Inequitable Leasing Agreements and Terms in the Motor Carrier Industry and Whether They Affect the Frequency and Quality of Maintenance Performed on Subjected Vehicles

I. Task Title

Examine inequitable leasing agreements and terms in the motor carrier industry and whether they affect the frequency and quality of maintenance performed on subjected vehicles, developing discussion notes that will be compiled into a comprehensive report. This task focuses on leasing agreements and terms that adversely impact owner-operators and small trucking companies subject to such agreements.

II. Background

Created under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) in accordance with section 23009 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) (Pub. L. 117-58), TLTF will examine the terms, conditions, and equitability of common truck leasing arrangements, particularly as they impact owner-operators and trucking businesses subject to such agreements. TLTF will submit a report of its identified issues and conclusions regarding truck leasing arrangements, including recommended best practices, to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, the U.S. Secretary of Labor, and the appropriate committees of Congress.

III. Task

For Task 24-1, FMCSA asks TLTF to review and share inequitable truck leasing agreements and their terms and discuss whether they affect the frequency and quality of maintenance performed on subjected vehicles. TLTF will incorporate the discussion notes into its final report, to be submitted by November 16, 2024, providing recommendations to deter the inclusion of these inequitable terms and conditions. As with every task, TLTF should identify any organizations or experts they believe could provide presentations or briefings to help the task force complete its work.

IV. Estimated Completion of Task

FMCSA asks TLTF to deliberate on this task at its January 18, 2024, meeting, allowing for continued discussion at subsequent meetings. The results of this and other tasks will be compiled and submitted to FMCSA's Administrator as recommendations in a comprehensive letter report addressing BIL requirements. FMCSA will review this final, comprehensive report and submit it to the Secretaries of Transportation and Labor and the appropriate congressional committees, respectively.

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