FMCSA Modernization: Unified Registration System (URS)

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Unified Registration System (URS) Overview

- What is URS?
- Why did FMCSA undertake the URS rulemaking?
- Who is required to comply with this rule?
URS Benefits

- Raising the bar for safety.
- Reduced paperwork.
- Simplified processes.
- A single online registration system.
- Improved accountability.
- Improved data quality of FMCSA systems.
URS Timeline

- **November 1, 2013**
  - New and enhanced enforcement penalties for failing to complete Biennial Update requirement.
    - [49 CFR 390.19(b)(2) and (4)]
  - Prohibition of interstate transportation with an inactive USDOT Number or no USDOT Number.
    - [49 CFR 392.9b(a)]

- **October 23, 2015**
  - Electronic filing only by online MCSA-1 form.
  - All entities must update their information within 30 days of change.
  - Insurance filing for exempt for-hire and private HM.

- **April 25, 2016**
  - Process agent filing for private and exempt for-hire carriers.
URS Timeline, continued — IT Milestones

2013

- IT Development Project Planning
- Functional Requirements
- System Architecture and Design
- USDOT Number deactivation functionality

2014

- MCSA-1 Online Wizard Development
- Enterprise Database Development
- Data Migration
- Integration of Existing Systems
- System Development Testing

2015

- Rollout/Implementation Planning
- End User Testing
- Ramp-Up Activities to Support Deployment Launch: October 23, 2015
URS Outreach Efforts

- Notification and warning letters.
- Reminder e-mails.
- Information sharing with States and motor carrier associations.
- Social media.
- Satellite radio interviews.
- Outreach materials.
- Webinars.
FMCSA Deactivated 149,907 USDOT Numbers (March–November, 2014)
**URS Summary**

- **August 23, 2013:** URS Regulation published.
- **November 1, 2013:**
  - New and enhanced enforcement penalties for failing to complete the Biennial Update requirement.
  - Prohibition of interstate transportation with an inactive USDOT Number or no USDOT Number.
- **October 23, 2015:**
  - URS is operational.
  - Electronic applications only—paper forms no longer accepted.
  - All applicants will be subject to a $300 USDOT Number registration fee per application.
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