



## CMV INSPECTOR ADVISORY

When Inspecting a Mexico-Domiciled Motor Carrier  
with Long-Haul Operating authority

**1. CONFIRM AUTHORITY: Confirm authority status by reviewing the authority documents required to be in the vehicle. Contact the FMCSA Licensing and Insurance (L&I) automated response system at: 1-866-637-0635 or access the L&I public website at: <http://li-public.fmcsa.dot.gov>.**

**Mexico-domiciled long-haul motor carriers may NOT:**

- ❖ Engage in domestic point-to-point transportation of freight wholly within the U.S.
- ❖ Long-haul carriers may only transport international freight to points within the U.S. or to Mexico/Canada from a point in the U.S.
- ❖ Transport Hazardous Materials (HM) requiring placarding as per 49 CFR Subpart F, Part 172.500 beyond the U.S.-Mexico border commercial zones.
  - Transportation of non-placardable HM is allowed within the U.S.-Mexico border commercial zones.

**Discovery of operating authority violations noted above should be recorded on a driver/vehicle inspection report.**

- ❖ Cite the vehicle for the appropriate operating authority violation:
  - No Operating Authority;
  - Inactive Operating Authority; or
  - Operating Beyond the Scope of their Authority
- ❖ Place the vehicle Out-of-Service



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### 2. DRIVERS REQUIREMENTS:

- ❖ Drivers must have a Mexican Licencia Federal de Conductor (LF) issued by the Mexican Federal Government (SCT/DGAF) or U.S. CDL. The LF should be verified via a routine Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS) or NLETS query.
- ❖ Mexican State licenses are **not** acceptable for operating a CMV in the United States.

**Discovery of a CDL violation should be recorded on a driver/vehicle inspection report.**

- ❖ Cite the driver for the appropriate driver license violation (i.e. Invalid License):
  - NOTE: "Does not possess a valid CDL" includes, but is not limited to: Improper class, expired, cancelled, revoked, disqualified, suspended or withdrawn.
- ❖ Place the driver Out-of-Service

### 3. VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS:

- ❖ All power units must be marked with an X suffix after the assigned U.S. DOT number
- ❖ All power units must display a current Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) inspection decal for 3 years after receiving permanent operating authority.

**North American Standard inspection procedures should be followed during all inspections.**

- ❖ Cite the appropriate vehicle/driver violations.
- ❖ Place the vehicle/driver Out-of-Service
- ❖ If the CVSA inspection decal is removed for violations discovered, advise the driver of the procedure for a subsequent inspection to receive a new, valid CVSA inspection decal.