



## Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY

### WHAT TO DO WHEN ENCOUNTERING 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.

**2. DRIVER REQUIREMENTS:**

- ❖ Drivers must have a Mexican Licencia Federal de Conductor (LF) issued by the Mexican Federal Government (SCT/DGAF) or U.S. CDL issued by a U.S. State. The LF or CDL 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 beyond the commercial zone.

**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.

**NOTIFY THE LEAD MCSAP AGENCY IN YOUR STATE IF YOU  
DISCOVER DRIVER/VEHICLE VIOLATIONS FOR A  
MEXICO-DOMICILED LONG-HAUL MOTOR CARRIER.**