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FMCSA Modernization:
Updates on the Unified Registration System

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Agenda

- Unified Registration System (URS) Overview

- U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Number Deactivation Statistics

- Update on URS Phased Implementation Timeline

- Resources for URS Information/Assistance

What is the Unified Registration System?

- URS is a new streamlined online system that will simplify the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) registration process:

    - Combines multiple registration processes.

    - Consolidates information technology systems.

    - Consolidates multiple forms into a single registration process.

- URS also is a clearinghouse and repository of information on all entities regulated by the Agency.
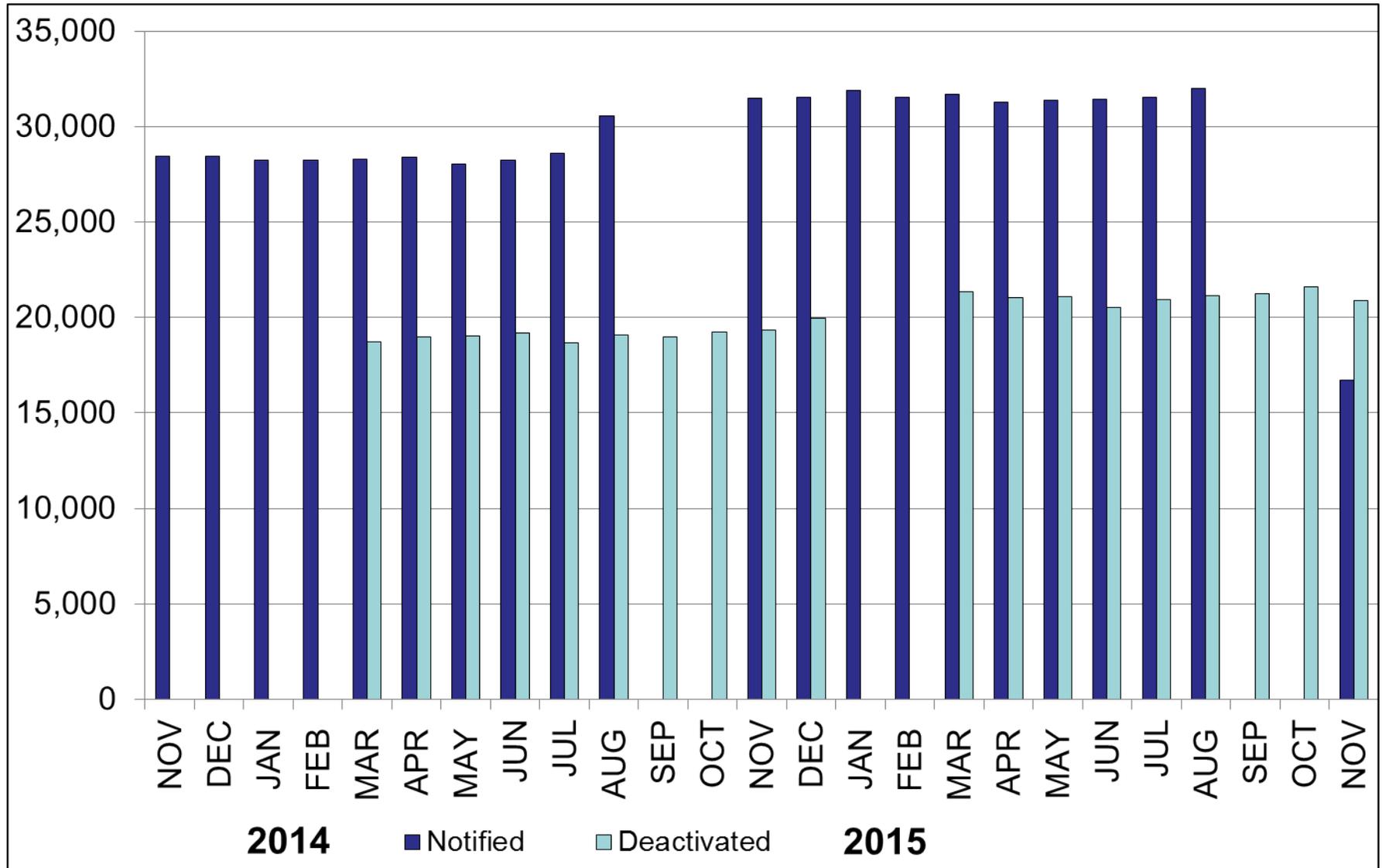
The URS Final Rule

- Effective November 1, 2013, all regulated entities are required to update their registration information every 24 months (biennial update requirement).

- FMCSA deactivates the USDOT number of any carrier that fails to comply with the biennial update requirement.

- The URS rulemaking simplifies and reduces the amount of time entities must spend filling out paperwork as part of the registration process; enables the Agency to maintain more accurate information on regulated entities.

Who Is Required to Comply with the Final Rule?

- **All entities regulated by FMCSA, including**:
  - − Motor carriers.
  - − Intermodal equipment providers (IEPs).
  - − Hazardous materials safety permit (HMSP) applicants/holders.
  - − Brokers.
  - − Freight forwarders.
  - − Cargo tank (CT) facilities.

FMCSA Deactivated 304,422 USDOT Numbers

*As of 11/27/2015

URS Welcome Screen

www.fmcsa.dot.gov/urs

URS Phased Implementation Timeline

- December 12, 2015:
  - **Only new, first-time applicants file through URS.***
  - **Existing entities use current registration processes.**

- September 30, 2016:
  - **All new and updated registrations are completed through URS** (paper forms no longer accepted).
  - The **USDOT number becomes the sole identifier**; docket (MC, FF) numbers will no longer be issued.
  - All new applicants are required to pay for **safety registration as a separate registration**, a fee of $300.

- December 31, 2016:
  - **Insurance filings** required for existing private HM and exempt for-hire carriers.
  - **Service of process agent filings** (BOC-3) **required** for existing private and exempt for-hire carriers.

*Excludes non-North American and Mexican long-haul carriers.

Resources

- Get information on URS or biennial updates:
  www.fmcsa.dot.gov/urs

- For FMCSA registration and licensing FAQs and to submit questions:
  www.fmcsa.dot.gov/ask

- View carrier information at the FMCSA Portal:
  https://portal.fmcsa.dot.gov/login

- FMCSA Contact Center:
  - Phone: 800-832-5660
  - Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time

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