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

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URS Welcome Screen

Welcome to the Unified Registration System.
Are you a New Applicant or a Returning Applicant? 

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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