PRISM GUIDE FOR IDENTIFYING REINCARNATED CARRIERS

Legislation

Seek authority to deny registration to potential "reincarnated carriers" attempting to avoid FMCSA enforcement sanctions by obtaining a new DOT number under a different company name and/or Tax ID number.

VIN Check ✓ Process

1. Check every Vehicle Identification (VIN) number in the IRP system against the PRISM Target File to verify if the vehicle is associated with a motor carrier that is under a Federal Out-of-Service (OOS) order.

2. If the vehicle is associated with a motor carrier that is under a Federal OOS order, compare the census information of the USDOT number being used to register the vehicle and the USDOT number associated with the Federal OOS order.

3. Use the Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS) and/or New Applicant Screening (NAS) to do your information search.

Reincarnated Carrier Check ✓ Process

1. If the motor carrier has 1 census information match marked with an asterisk or any 2 matches, deny registration and contact your local FMCSA Division Office (with a copy to PRISM Tech Support) for further verification:

   ☐ Same or similar Company Legal Name and/or DBA Name*
   ☐ Same Company Officer Name or a relative/spouse *
   ☐ Physical and/or Mailing Address
   ☐ Email and/or Phone/Fax/Cellphone Number
   ☐ Drivers and/or Vehicles

2. If the registrant does not have any census information matches and the registrant provides sufficient evidence that the two motor carriers are not affiliated, send a request to PRISM Tech Support (with a copy to your local FMCSA Division Office) to remove the VIN number from the Target File and proceed with registration.

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