

FACT SHEET

USDOT Number

PURPOSE:

This fact sheet explains the requirements for displaying a USDOT number as required in 49 CFR §390.21. The requirement to display the USDOT number on the side of trucks operating in intrastate commerce became effective in April 2010. PennDOT adopted this requirement by regulation as part of its Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP).

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. A truck with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) or gross combination weight rating (GCWR) of 10,001 pounds or more, which is operated in interstate commerce, is required to display the carrier's USDOT number on the side of the truck. This requirement is found in 49 CFR §390.21. This is among the provisions in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations that Pennsylvania was required to adopt and did at 67 Pa. Code §229.14 (relating to adoption of portions of 49 CFR by reference).
2. A truck with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) or gross combination vehicle weight rating (GCWR) of 17,001 pounds or more which is operated in intrastate commerce is required to display the carrier's USDOT number on the side of the truck. This requirement is adopted at 67 Pa. Code §231.7 (relating to adoption of portions of 49 CFR by reference).

Additionally, farm trucks, school buses and government vehicles are exempt from the requirement when operating in intrastate commerce.

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