

FMCSA Increase Fines for Regs Violations

Overdrive

In accordance with the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015, the FMCSA has adjusted fine amounts based on inflation.

This year, the White House's Office of Management and Budget provided guidance to FMCSA for a cost-of-living adjustment multiplier of 1.01636.

Given this multiplier, all of the fine amounts increased, as can be seen in the linked article.

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The Importance of Reading Your Operating Agreement

The operating agreement between a motor carrier and an independent contractor is the lifeblood of the relationship. At stake are many legal and regulatory issues; not to mention the mutual profitability of both parties.



In simple terms, the lease/contract defines the parties involved and what the obligations are of each party. It is a relatively simple instrument that says one party is an authorized carrier and the other is commercial vehicle for hire. Both are in business to make money and realize a profit; not to cause the other party undue heartache and expense.

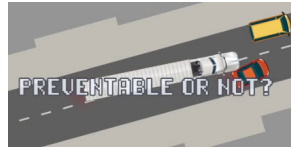
If your lease agreement is not at least 10 pages in length, a qualified transportation attorney can be most helpful in determining any shortfalls.

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Preventable or Not?

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Trucker John Joe just completed a curb-side delivery downtown. Doe begins to merge his way into rush hour traffic. A car in the right lane stops to allow Doe to merge.



An orange car comes from behind and tries to pass Doe in the right lane. Doe's right front bumper twists around the car's left fender.

Was this preventable or not?

[Find Out.](#)

Check out 'Be Prepared to Stop' on Amazon

Truck Writers had the pleasure of being able to show 'Be Prepared to Stop' to our insureds back in November 2016.

The documentary emphasizes the need for proper infrastructure. It highlights our nation's reliance on the great American highway and the countless big rigs that have to travel them.

As of April 6th, the documentary is available to rent or purchase on Amazon.



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