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Unified Carrier Registration Act of 2005

Questions & Answers:

The answers provided here are based on informal interpretation of the Act and are subject to further interpretation by the UCRA Board of Directors and by DOT. The answers provided here do not limit or restrict future interpretations and implementation of the Act or the UCRA.

What is the law that governs the Unified Carrier Registration Agreement?

The Unified Carrier Registration Agreement ("UCRA"), is established by federal law, in the Unified Carrier Registration Act of 2005, which is part of the federal highway reauthorization bill known as the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act, A Legacy for Users ("SAFETEA-LU") (Public Law 109-59, enacted August 10, 2005). UCRA is treated in sections 4302 through 4308 of SAFETEA-LU. In particular, the structure of UCRA is set forth in SAFETEA-LU section 4305, which enacts a new section of the federal code 49 U.S.C. section 14504a.

What entities are subject to the UCRA fees?

Only regulated for-hire motor carriers have been covered by the Single State Registration System ("SSRS"). UCRA, on the other hand, requires all motor carriers required to register with the United States Department of Transportation ("USDOT"), including private, for-hire, and exempt carriers, as well as brokers, freight forwarders, and leasing companies to pay fees.

What entities are not subject to the UCRA fees?

Purely intrastate motor carriers are not subject to UCRA per se, unless a state that participates in UCRA elects to extend the requirements of UCRA to its intrastate carrier population. In general, apart from entities that receive a USDOT number solely under the PRISM Program, and intrastate carriers of hazardous materials, all carriers that have a USDOT number are under the UCRA.

Are carriers based in Canada and Mexico subject to the UCRA?

Yes, if carriers, freight forwarders, leasing companies, and brokers based in Canada or Mexico operate in interstate or international commerce in the United States, they are subject to the UCRA.

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