



Rumblings



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Safety in Forestry Transportation

TruckSafe Rumblings is published biweekly to keep you informed on what is happening in forest hauling safety in BC. Call MaryAnne Arcand to provide input or get the news out on best practices and concerns in the industry.

BREAKING NEWS FOR LOG HAULING ON HOURS OF SERVICE

Log-hauling hours: NO CHANGE JAN 1/07

There will be NO CHANGE for log hauling Jan. 1, and for the next two months, from what you've been doing all year.

Federal hours of service for trucking WILL change Jan. 1 – but they apply only to inter-provincial hauling.

Log-hauling within B.C. is controlled by provincial regulation.

The Ministry of Transportation planned to amend that regulation to make it conform to federal rules – but the changes have been delayed.

According to Greg Gilks, Director of the Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement Branch of the BC Ministry of Transportation, changes to the provincial log-hauling regulation have been delayed until about March 1 because of some legal questions about enforcement. The main points of the agreement reached last spring with CVSE for a variance will still come into effect sometime in late spring.

With no changes coming soon, all of the parts of the existing provincial log-hauling regulation will remain in effect (maximum 15 hours per day within 160 kilometres of home base, no log books for short hauls, etc.).

We expect there will be some official notice or press release from the BC Ministry of Transportation on this in the next couple of days.

Thanks to Roy Nagel and Steve Kozuki for staying on top of this and getting the

information out. Let's all take a big breath, and wait to see how it plays out.

Remember that fatigue and long driving hours do increase the risks, and please stay within your legal hours.

If you had changed your operational plans for the coming few months based on the potential changes, why not stick with them? Anything we can do to relieve the build up of fatigue will help keep everyone on the road safer. Unsafe is Unacceptable, legal hours or not!

For those of you working through the holidays, please drive carefully. Lots of folks will be traveling for the holidays, maybe not used to long drives in winter conditions. And of course, there will be those on the road who have enjoyed too much holiday cheer! So please, be extra vigilant and drive defensively! Have a safe and happy holiday season.

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