

Commercial Vehicles Traveling to the United States

Are you traveling to the United States? The items listed below should be considered prior to entry into the United States with your commercial vehicle. Some jurisdictions have additional requirements. You may refer to the IRP jurisdiction directory at <http://www.irponline.org/search/custom.asp?id=381> for jurisdiction registration and contact information.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

www.cbp.gov

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation

International Programs-*The International Programs web page provides resources and guidance on the [FMCSA regulations](#), [Hazardous Materials regulations](#) and safety requirements for motor carriers domiciled in the United States, and Canada, who operate, or are applying for authority to operate, beyond their own borders to transport international freight.*

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/international-programs>

(MSC-150/150B)

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/form-mcs-150-and-instructions-motor-carrier-identification-report>

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/form-mcs-150b-and-instructions-combined-motor-carrier-identification-report-and>

Operating Authority (OP-1)

<https://portal.fmcsa.dot.gov/UrsRegistrationWizard/>

Process Agent (BOC-3)

A process agent is a representative upon whom court papers may be served in any proceeding brought against a motor carrier, broker, or freight forwarder. Every motor carrier (of property or passengers) shall make a designation for each state in which it is authorized to operate and for each state traversed during such operations. Brokers are required to list process agents in each state in which they have an office and in which they write contracts. FMCSA Regulation 49

CFR Part 366 details more about The Designation of Process Agents by Motor Carriers and Brokers.

Many commercial firms will arrange process agents in any state for a fee. Below is a list of some of the companies providing this service.

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/process-agents>

Insurance Filings (information overview):

<https://cms.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/insurance-requirements>

MCS-90 insurance filing:<https://cms.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/form-mcs-90-endorsement-motor-carrier-policies-insurance-public-liability-under>

MCS-90B (Buses) insurance filing:<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/form-mcs-90b-endorsement-motor-carrier-policies-insurance-public-liability-under-0>

Unified Carrier Registration (UCR)

Required for all commercial vehicles with a GVW greater than 4500kg or 10,000lbs.

<https://www.ucr.in.gov/ucrHome.html>

Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)

An Employer Identification Number (EIN) is a nine-digit number that IRS assigns in the following format XX-XXXXXXX. It is used to identify the tax accounts of employers. Carriers that are required to pay the Heavy Vehicle Use Tax will need to have an EIN.

<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p1635.pdf>

Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT)

Required for all commercial vehicles registered in excess of 24,947kg or 55,000lbs.

<https://www.irs.gov/uac/about-form-2290>

Vehicle Registration

Commercial vehicles travelling into the U.S. may be required to be registered. This can be done using the IRP or by purchasing Trip Permits in all jurisdictions in which travel is intended. The requirements and GVW thresholds vary between jurisdictions. Jurisdiction registration and contact information is on the IRP website at <http://www.irponline.org/search/custom.asp?id=381>

E-Manifest (ACE- Automated Commercial Environment)

The Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) is the U.S. Customs and Border Protection shipment reporting regulation. Highway carriers are required to send crew, trucks, trailer and shipment details over the internet to U.S. Customs before reaching the U.S. border. It requires carriers to submit electronic manifest submissions and must be accepted by U.S. Customs one hour in advance (non-FAST shipments) and 30 minutes prior (for FAST shipments) to truck arrival at first U.S. port of entry. Vehicles hauling Dangerous Goods must use the FAST shipments process.

<https://www.cbp.gov/trade/automated>

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