

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 138 of 1998

29.473 Motor carrier; determination of base state designation; manner; registration; permit; filing application and fee; fleet liability coverage; notice of registration form and permit; temporary permit; expiration; exemption.

Sec. 3. (1) A motor carrier shall determine its base state designation in the following manner:

(a) A motor carrier that has its principal place of business in this state shall designate this state as its base state.

(b) A motor carrier that has its principal place of business outside of this state shall determine its base state designation by the highest number of hazardous materials miles traveled among the states participating in the uniform program.

(2) Subject to section 10, a motor carrier that designates this state as its base state pursuant to subsection (1) shall register with and obtain a permit from the department prior to transporting hazardous materials within this state. A motor carrier that designates another participating state as its base state shall register with and obtain a permit from that state, with the appropriate fees paid for this state, prior to transporting hazardous materials in this state.

(3) A motor carrier required to register in this state shall file part I of the uniform application with the department and pay an administrative fee of \$50.00 and the apportioned vehicle registration fee. The amount of the registration fee shall be calculated by the formula in section 4.

(4) A motor carrier required to obtain a permit in this state shall file part II of the uniform application with the department and pay a permit review fee of \$500.00.

(5) A motor carrier shall have and maintain financial responsibility for bodily injury, property damage, or environmental damage to third parties caused by accidental occurrences arising from hazardous materials transportation activities of the motor carrier. The motor carrier shall have and maintain fleet liability coverage for accidental occurrences in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence for hazardous materials that are hazardous wastes and \$750,000.00 per occurrence for hazardous materials that are liquid industrial by-product. However, a motor carrier with fleets including only vehicles under 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight shall have and maintain fleet liability coverage for accidental occurrences in an amount not less than \$300,000.00. Proof of the required domiciled fleet liability coverage shall be provided to and maintained by the Michigan public service commission in the department of licensing and regulatory affairs, with certification of proper coverage provided to the department. Demonstration of proof of the required nondomiciled fleet liability coverage shall be provided to and maintained with the Surface Transportation Board in the United States Department of Transportation. Fleet liability coverage not included under the authority of the Michigan public service commission or the Surface Transportation Board shall be demonstrated to the department by submittal of the document entitled "endorsement for motor carrier policies of insurance for public liability under section 29 or 30 of the motor carrier act of 1980" (OMB no. 2126-0008, form MCS-90).

(6) Upon a motor carrier's compliance with subsections (3), (4), and (5), the department shall issue a notice of registration form and a permit to the motor carrier. A notice of registration form and a permit shall include a unique number for each motor carrier assigned by the department.

(7) A motor carrier shall maintain a copy of the notice of registration form and the permit in each power unit used to transport hazardous materials in all participating states. The notice of registration form and the permit are not transferable between motor carriers or owners. The original notice of registration form or permit shall be maintained at the motor carrier's principal place of business as noted on the registration form or permit, and shall be available for inspection during normal business hours.

(8) Prior to entering the state, a motor carrier may obtain a temporary permit in lieu of a notice of registration form and a permit. The temporary permit expires 10 days after issuance, and the fee for a temporary permit is \$100.00.

(9) A motor carrier transporting liquid industrial by-product generated on or from property or equipment in which he or she owns an interest is exempt from registration and permitting as required in this act, but remains subject to all other provisions of part 121 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.12101 to 324.12118, or any other applicable act or part.

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