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SUBJECT: Temporary Hours of Service Exemption Certificates

As you are aware, as part of the changes related to the definition of road-building machine (RBM) under the *Highway Traffic Act* (HTA) that came into force on July 1, 2017, temporary hours of service exemption certificates have been available to eligible vehicles to help support a smooth transition toward operating as a commercial motor vehicle.

These temporary exemption certificates issued by the Ministry of Transportation will expire on **June 30, 2022**.

Beginning July 1, 2022, operators and drivers of former RBMs and crane support vehicles currently operating under a temporary exemption certificate **will be required** to comply with the hours of service requirements under the [HTA](#) and [Ontario Regulation 555/06](#).

Helpful information about the hours of service requirements applicable to commercial motor vehicles is available on the ministry's website:

- [The Official Ministry of Transportation \(MTO\) Truck Handbook](#)
- [Commercial Vehicle Operators' Safety Manual](#)

Additionally, as you may be aware, amendments to [Ontario Regulation 555/06](#) will come into force on June 12, 2022 that will mandate the use of Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs) for commercial motor vehicles. To support operators in complying with requirements and align with the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrator's recommended approach to the enforcement of the federal ELD mandate, Ontario will provide an education and awareness period until **January 1, 2023**, for drivers of commercial vehicles (without penalties). For information and updates related to ELDs, please visit the ministry's website: [Electronic Logging Devices](#).

Questions about hours of service may be directed to the Ministry of Transportation at CVOR@ontario.ca or by phone at 1-800-387-7736 (within Ontario) or 1-416-246-7166.

Questions specific to ELDs can be directed to cpdo@ontario.ca.

Please share this information with members of your organization. Thank you for your support and assistance in sharing this important information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ramneet Aujla".

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