



Federal Motor Carrier Safety LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY

WHAT TO DO WHEN ENCOUNTERING A MEXICO- DOMICILED PILOT PROGRAM MOTOR CARRIER

1. ENSURE MOTOR CARRIER/VEHICLES ARE APPROVED

- ❖ Verify **company/vehicles** are approved for the program on the FMCSA website <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/MX-pilot-program>
- ❖ Only carriers/vehicles found on the website lists are approved to operate in the pilot program.
- ❖ Carriers/vehicles not on the list and operating beyond the commercial zone (CZ) are in violation pilot program requirements.

2. CONFIRM AUTHORITY: Approved carriers may **NOT**:

- ❖ Engage in Cabotage: Point-to-point transportation of freight wholly within the U.S. is strictly prohibited. Carriers may only transport international freight. Transportation of international freight to points within the U.S. is **not** cabotage and is approved.
- ❖ Transport HazMat requiring placarding as per 49 CFR Subpart F, Part 172.500; non-placardable HazMat is allowed.
- ❖ Transport oversized/overweight goods, longer combination vehicles (LCVs), or industrial cranes, or engage in vehicle towing or rescue, packaging and courier services or the transportation of passengers.

3. DRIVERS AND CDL/ELP REQUIREMENTS.

- ❖ Drivers must be approved. The lead MCSAP agency in your state may assist you to verify if a driver is approved for participation.
- ❖ Drivers must have a Mexican Licencia Federal de Conductor (LF) or U.S. CDL. The LF should be verified via NLETS query.



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- ❖ Approved drivers who make a good faith effort to respond to official inquiries in English should be deemed compliant but if the driver is not responding to official inquiries, the driver should be deemed to be in non-compliance.
- ❖ The lead MCSAP agency in your state can assist should you encounter a violation of the ELP requirement.
- ❖ Use of drivers not on the list to operate beyond the CZ is a violation of pilot program requirements.

4. ENSURE APPROVED VEHICLES MEET REQUIREMENTS.

- ❖ Approved vehicles must display a currently valid CVSA inspection decal and the assigned USDOT number with an "X" suffix.
- ❖ Vehicles must be equipped with electronic monitoring devices to monitor hours of service and record the vehicle location (GPS). These devices should be operational at all times.

Violations of pilot program requirements should be reported to the lead MCSAP agency in your state so appropriate action may be taken.

CRASH DATA: Mexico-domiciled carriers whose drivers/vehicles are involved in a crash while in the U.S. need to be identified as soon as possible. Please prepare your jurisdiction's accident report form & send a copy to the lead MCSAP agency in your state. In ANY instance of a crash involving an approved carrier, immediate notification by telephone or email to the lead MCSAP agency and/or the FMCSA Division Office in your state is requested.