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## **CTS Licence Tag Management Policy**

In March 2019, the Office of the BC Container Trucking Commissioner (OBCCTC) posted amendments to the current Tag Management Policy (the Policy) on its website for consultation and suspended additional truck tag applications. A further call for submissions was made on May 7, 2019 and the Q1 2019 truck tag performance review was suspended at that time.

The OBCCTC suspended elements of the policy in response to concerns over its operation and in anticipation of possible changes to the policy following consultation. To date, the following changes to the Policy have been proposed by stakeholders:

- Remove and redistribute unfilled truck tags in support of shifting business demands and driver mobility;
- Continue to ensure that a viable number of available I/O's are on the I/O List;
- Allow company drivers to apply for addition to the I/O List; and
- Ensure the effectiveness of the truck tag performance review process.

A recent slowdown in container trucking activity in the Lower Mainland generally has resulted in loss of work for some drivers. At the same time, some licence holders have increased their trucking activity and, as a result, require additional truck tags and drivers. In response to stakeholder feedback and in recognition of current circumstances, the OBCCTC is reinstituting an amended Policy.

If any number of unfilled tags in a licensee's tag allotment have remained unfilled for a consecutive period of 90 days or more, they will be removed effective November 4, 2019.

Effective immediately, additional truck tag applications will be accepted. The additional truck tag application process remains the same (as outlined in sections 5-10 of the existing Policy). Review of the applications will occur through October 2019 with an expectation that tags will be redistributed in November.

The OBCCTC has completed its July 2019 I/O List application process and 20 new I/Os will be added to the I/O List at the end of October 2019 and they will have 30 days to secure sponsorship. The number of eligible I/Os on the List will continue to be monitored by the OBCCTC and future calls for additions to the List will be open to company drivers.

The OBCCTC will conduct a 2019 truck tag performance review (Q1 through Q4 2019) in January 2020 utilizing the existing performance review process but will introduce an amended review process in June 2020 at the time of the next Licence issuance.

Other changes to the Policy proposed by stakeholders and the OBCCTC (including on and off-dock truck tags) will be canvassed further and, if accepted, will also be introduced at the time of the next Licence issuance.

Sincerely,

## OFFICE OF THE BC CONTAINER TRUCKING COMMISSIONER

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