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CTS Licence Reform – Consultation Report Issued

The Office of the British Columbia Container Trucking Commissioner (OBCCTC) has issued a consultation report that summarizes responses heard from stakeholders during consultation around proposed changes to the current Licence and application process and the Tag Policy.

Since September 25, 2019, the OBCCTC heard from stakeholders through written submissions, Industry Advisory Committee meetings, focus groups and consultations sessions which concluded on February 28, 2020. Stakeholder input helped shape the reforms that will be part of the upcoming licensing application process.

Decisions made around licence reforms and tag policy amendments are intended to increase compliance, increase the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the Gateway and encourage professionalization.

Highlights of the consultation report:

Licence Reforms

- The target range for number of truck tags issued will be 1450-1550.
- Licences will be issued on a 2-year term.
- New applicants can apply for a licence, but will only be considered after existing licencees have been reviewed and if there are remaining truck tags.
- Allocation of company and I/O truck tags for existing licensees will be determined by assessing an
 applicant's business case, compliance history and fleet efficiency data. For new applicants, only the
 business case will be assessed.
- The current 5 truck minimum licence criteria will be maintained.
- Joint licence applications will not be accepted; however, current joint licensees will be permitted to apply for a single licence even if their fleet size is less than 5 trucks, provided they satisfy all remaining mandatory licensing requirements.

Tag Management Policy Amendments

- CTC Tags for trucks exclusively engaged in performing off-dock container trucking services will not be issued.
- The I/O list will remain in place with amendments to allow licensees to nominate drivers to be placed on the I/O list to fill vacancies within their fleet.

Details regarding all the reforms and amendments are summarized in the consultation report and will be incorporated into the final licensing package. Potential applicants are encouraged to review the consultation report.

Read the full consultation report at: http://obcctc.ca/industry-communications/commissioner-consultations/

Sincerely,

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