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### **Commissioner's Update 2020 CTS Licensing**

The Office of the British Columbia Container Trucking Commissioner (OBCCTC) has completed the formal review of 2020 CTS Licence applications and issued conditional approvals to companies stating the number of truck tags to be issued effective December 1, 2020.

The OBCCTC started the licensing process with a pool of 1618 truck tags. Requests from applicants were for 1921 truck tags of which 255 were new company truck tag requests.

The OBCCTC issued a total of 1557 truck tags, which is more than the target range of 1450-1550 truck tags set by the OBCCTC. Given concerns about lack of work due to COVID-19, the Commissioner issued more truck tags than initially planned. In total, 61 truck tags are being removed from the system. One hundred and seven (107) truck tags are being removed and 46 truck tags are being added. The Commissioner prioritized removing truck tags that were already vacant or were severely underutilized over several years. There is one new licensee, which has been assigned 10 truck tags.

Truck tags were removed from small, medium and large sized fleets as defined in the Commissioner's Truck Tag Policy.<sup>1</sup> The small fleets lost 18 truck tags, medium sized fleets lost 14 truck tags and large sized fleets lost 75 truck tags. Additional truck tags were assigned to small, medium and large fleets.

The OBCCTC will be working with companies over the coming weeks to determine final tag numbers and how they will be allocated to either company trucks or owner operator trucks. Current tags and licenses will remain in effect until the final licences and tags are issued on December 1, 2020.

It is important to note that truck tags were assigned to applicants based upon historic fleet efficiency, compliance history and their business case.

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<sup>1</sup> Small Sized Licensees (1-9 trucks); Medium Sized Licensees (10-20 trucks); Large Sized Licensees (21 + trucks)



The 2020 CTS Licence is intended to increase compliance, promote the efficiency of the container trucking industry and reinforce ethical and fair business practices. The licensing process was completed after numerous consultations with stakeholders, and the OBCCTC made changes based on stakeholder feedback. The changes will promote the efficiency of the container trucking industry, help reduce wait times for drivers at the terminals and provide drivers with more consistent work opportunities.

Quick facts:

- 48.5%, almost half, of the company truck tag counts did not change
- 2.5% of companies reduced voluntarily and 14 % of companies received an increase
- 31% of companies were granted fewer truck tags than what they had and/or asked for

Sincerely,

**OFFICE OF THE BC CONTAINER TRUCKING COMMISSIONER**

Michael Crawford  
Commissioner