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Work Availability for Independent Operators (I/Os)

Over the past few weeks, Independent Operators (“I/Os”) who have been laid off have approached the Office of the BC Container Trucking Commissioner (“OBCCTC”) advising us that some licensees have temporary work for them. When the OBCCTC contacts the licensee to follow up, there is either no work or there are other reasons provided why they don’t want to hire a driver.

In February, the Commissioner sent out several notices to licensees advising them that they have been assigned truck tags that are being underutilized. I am given to understand from many responses that overall container shipping has slowed down during this period and is expected to pick up soon.

If you have work available to sustain meaningful employment of an I/O during this short period of time, it would be helpful if you could advise the OBCCTC so that we can follow up with you to confirm you can support the addition of another I/O without disrupting the income of those currently working within your organization.

Our goal remains to match drivers with meaningful work and provide licensees with drivers to perform that work. We are not increasing the number of truck tags at this point, but want to work with licensees and I/Os to ensure work is available.

If you have short term meaningful work for an I/O and you have not received a warning letter in February about underutilized tags, please feel free to advise the OBCCTC Registrar at registrar@obcctc.ca so that we can do our due diligence to ensure there is work to be performed.

Sincerely,

OFFICE OF THE BC CONTAINER TRUCKING COMMISSIONER

Karm Jauhal
Deputy Commissioner