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Work Availability for Independent Operators (I/Os)

It has been brought to the attention of the Office of the BC Container Trucking Commissioner (“OBCCTC”) by the Independent Operators (“I/Os”) who have been laid off recently, that some licensees may have temporary work for them.

Earlier this year, several notices were sent 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 that 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 who are out of work 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 immediate short term meaningful work that would be suitable for a provisional tag for a laid off I/O and you have not received a warning letter 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