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## Sponsorship Agreement and Independent Operators

The Office of the BC Container Trucking Commissioner (“OBCCTC”) has received complaints that Independent Operators (“I/O”) who are no longer operating their trucks are using full-time Indirectly Employed Operators (“IEOs”) to replace them.

The OBCCTC has been investigating several complaints and where appropriate, we have cancelled the Sponsorship Agreement.

In accordance with section 27 of *The Office of the BC Container Trucking Commissioner CTS Licence Truck Tag Management Policy June 2020*, when an Independent Operator is unable to perform container trucking services for the Licensee for more than 90 days, the Sponsorship Agreement is cancelled, and the Independent Operator is placed on the I/O List as an Inactive I/O. Once an Inactive I/O is ready to return to work, they will sign a new Sponsorship Agreement and be considered an Active I/O.

Licensees and I/Os are not entitled to use an IEO for replacing an I/O who is no longer performing container trucking services.

Licensees are ultimately responsible for ensuring that any changes to the Sponsorship Agreement are followed and are required to advise the OBCCTC if an I/O has been or will be off for more than 90 days.

The onus is on the Licensee to ensure the OBCCTC is informed of any changes to their fleet (I/O’s and drivers) within 10 business days of the change.

Sincerely,

**OFFICE OF THE BC CONTAINER TRUCKING COMMISSIONER**

Glen MacInnes  
Commissioner

Karm Jauhal  
Deputy Commissioner