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## **2024 CTS Licence Application Clarification Truck Readiness and Truck Tag Selection**

There have been a few questions asked surrounding the truck readiness criteria in the truck tag selection process.

We know historically some Applicants are unwilling to make an investment in additional trucks until it is confirmed that they have secured a truck tag while some other Applicants will make investments in trucks in the hope that such an action will demonstrate their ability to immediately move containers if provided more truck tags.

As discussed in the Consultation Report<sup>1</sup>, the prioritizing for truck tags is mostly based on compliance as this is consistent with the mandate as set out in the *Container Trucking Act* and *Container Trucking Regulation*. While the ranking system is weighted more towards compliance, it considers the stability that also comes from an Applicant's readiness at the time of its application to use the trucks tags by December 1, 2024 and awards a point.

If the Applicant has also indicated they are prepared to accept another type of truck tag if some or all of the requested tags are not available, they should explain in their business case how they will secure the required trucks (e.g. hiring an Independent Operator(s) from the I/O list or buying compliant trucks and hiring company drivers.)

It will be up to each Applicant to provide information supported by relevant documentation in its application that demonstrates they possess or have secured the necessary trucks ready to perform by December 1, 2024 to be considered for the truck readiness point.

This does not mean that Applicants who did not receive a point in truck readiness will not be considered for its requested tags when it comes time to assessing their business case.

If an Applicant is not able to demonstrate that they possess or have secured the requisite truck(s) ready to perform by December 1, 2024 at the time of its application (e.g. it is waiting to see if it is awarded a truck tag first before buying a truck), then it must explain in its business case when it will have the trucks ready and that will be considered at that time.

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<sup>1</sup> 2024 CTS Licence – Criteria Consultation Report – June 19, 2024

**NOTE:** The purpose of the clarification is to address questions about truck readiness and no Applicant should take this to mean that just having secured a truck or the promise of securing a truck will result in the granting of a truck tag(s).

Sincerely,

**OFFICE OF THE BC CONTAINER TRUCKING COMMISSIONER**



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