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Judicial Review Update: Sponsorship Agreements and Independent Operators

On September 17, 2025, the BC Supreme Court upheld the prohibitions in the 2024 container trucking services licence against an I/O's use of a full-time replacement driver and an I/O being party to more than one Sponsorship Agreement.

You can read the full BC Supreme Court judicial review decision [here](#).

The OBCCTC cautioned in a [January 31, 2024 Industry Advisory](#) that it had cancelled sponsorship agreements for I/Os using full-time Indirectly Employed Operators ("IEO") to operate their Approved Vehicle.

The 2024 CTS license requires I/Os to be working a majority of the time. An IEO cannot replace an I/O who is no longer driving his Approved Vehicle.

These prohibitions are consistent with the purposes of the Commissioner's I/Os List, which include ensuring that I/Os have opportunities to work using the limited number of I/O truck tags available.

The OBCCTC remains committed to ensuring compliance and taking prompt enforcement action when required.

Sincerely,

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