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Aheer Transportation Ltd. 8380 River Road Delta, BC V4G 1G7

Aheer Transportation Ltd. (CTC Decision No. 15/2025) - Decision Notice

In <u>Aheer Transportation Ltd.</u> (CTC Decision No. 15/2025) ("Commissioner's Decision") I determined that Aheer Transportation Ltd. ("Aheer") had failed to display an OBCCTC truck tag on two trucks performing container trucking services as required by sections 6.16 and 6.17 and section 1(d)(i) of Appendix B of Aheer's 2024 CTS licence.

I determined that this was an appropriate case to issue a penalty for the reasons set out in paragraphs 22-25. Consistent with s. 34(2) of the *Container Trucking Act*, I proposed to impose an administrative fine against Aheer in the amount of \$3,000.00 and advised Aheer that I would consider its written response to the proposed penalty if it was received within seven days.

Aheer's legal counsel provided the Office of the BC Container Trucking Commissioner ("OBCCTC") with a response within the specified timeframe. Aheer acknowledged that untagged trucks were utilized and did not contest the imposition of the penalty.

Aheer soon after provided OBCCTC with a cheque in the amount of \$3,000.00.

In its response, Aheer asserted that "all references to client identities and container numbers must be removed in their entirety" from the Commissioner's Decision, stating that that information was "highly sensitive" and continuing on to say:

Such information is proprietary, confidential and capable of being linked to port reservation data. Public disclosure of such information through the publication on the OBCCTC website poses a significant and unjustifiable risk of irreparable harm to Aheer, including the potential compromise of client relationships and competitive position.

While Aheer has made broad assertions regarding the sensitivity of customer names, it has neither identified the customers in question nor provided any evidence or information to support the claim that such names are proprietary, confidential or capable of being linked to port reservation data. Moreover, Aheer has not demonstrated how such linkage would occur.

I am not aware of any database available to the public or others in the industry that would allow licensees to identify which container was moved for which customer based on its delivery to commonly used off-dock sites (e.g. transload facilities and off-dock storage yards). However, I am prepared to give Aheer the benefit of the doubt and redact customer names (and locations that may identify a customer) in the Commissioner's Decision as I do not see that such information is necessary to follow the analysis or understand the evidence here.

I decline to redact the container numbers for the following reasons:

- 1. The containers in question were moved between two off-dock facilities within the Lower Mainland and did not involve reservation numbers from port terminals. Therefore, I do not accept that these containers can be directly linked to port reservation data.
- 2. Even if such linkage were theoretically possible, I do not see how linking a container number to port reservation data would be sensitive commercial information. In any event, these containers are transported on public roads by trucks bearing the licensee's name and logo. Members of the public can readily observe these trucks and, using publicly available websites, look up the container number and retrieve its location at any given point in time without knowing who the customer involved in any particular move.

Aheer also requested to see the redacted Commissioner's Decision prior to publication.

The Commissioner publishes all Decisions once the corresponding Decision Notice has been issued. The OBCCTC does not provide advance copies for review. Aheer will receive the Decision Notice and the OBCCTC will publish the original Decision and Decision Notice on the Commissioner's website as per the standard practice.

Subsections 34(3) and (4) of the *Container Trucking Act* authorize the imposition of the proposed penalty after the licensee has had an opportunity to respond. Aheer has acknowledged its contravention. Accordingly, I hereby order Aheer to pay the administrative fine in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Finally, I note that Aheer may request a reconsideration of the Commissioner's Decision by filing a Notice of Reconsideration with the Commissioner not more than 30 days after Aheer's receipt of this Decision Notice. A Notice of Reconsideration must be:

- a. made in writing.
- b. identify the decision for which a reconsideration is requested,
- c. state why the decision should be changed,
- d. state the outcome requested,
- e. include the name, an address for delivery, and telephone number of the applicant and, if the applicant is represented by counsel, include the full name, address for delivery and telephone number of the applicant's counsel,
- f. signed by the applicant or the applicant's counsel.

Despite the filing of a Notice of Reconsideration, the above order remains in effect until the reconsideration application is determined.

This decision notice along with the Commissioner's decision will be published on the Commissioner's website (www.obcctc.ca).

Dated at Vancouver, B.C. this 12th day of September 2025.

Karm Jauhal

Deputy Commissioner