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Canstar Trucking Company Ltd. 2593 Lavender Court Abbotsford, BC V3G 3E7

Canstar Trucking Company (CTC Decision No. 27/2025) – Decision Notice

Introduction

- 1. In <u>Canstar Trucking Company Ltd.</u> (CTC Decision No. 27/2025) ("Commissioner's Decision") I determined that Canstar Trucking Company Ltd. ("Canstar") failed to maintain and provide payroll records in February and April 2021 in breach of section 25 of the *Container Trucking Act* ("Act") and section Appendix D, section B (1) of the Container Trucking Services ("CTS") license.
- 2. I determined that this was an appropriate case to issue a penalty for the reasons set out in paragraphs 17-20. Consistent with s. 34(2) of the *Act*, I proposed to impose an administrative fine against Canstar in the amount of \$2,000.00 and advised Canstar that I would consider its written response to the proposed penalty if it was received within seven days.
- 3. Canstar provided the Office of the BC Container Trucking Commissioner ("OBCCTC") with a response within the specified timeframe.

Licensee Response

4. Canstar asks that I refrain from imposing the fine for reasons similar to those already addressed in paragraph 11 of the Commissioner's Decision and submits that the imposition of the \$2,000 fine will cause financial hardship due to the owner's investment in the company and the recent loss of one of its truck tags.

Decision

- 5. I am not persuaded to reduce or refrain from imposing the proposed administrative penalty. Canstar's restatement that it was unaware of the requirements of its CTS license and has taken steps to ensure compliance on a go forward basis was addressed at paragraphs 17 and 20 of the Commissioner's Decision.
- 6. In MDW Express Transport Ltd (CTC Decision No. 01/2017), the licensee advanced a similar argument around the financial circumstances of the licensee which was rejected by the former Commissioner because "the fact that a company may face financial challenges does not excuse it from the legal requirements to comply with the legislation such as the Act." This reasoning applies equally in this case. I am not prepared to refrain from imposing the proposed penalty because of

Canstar's assertions about its financial circumstances.

Conclusion

- 7. Having carefully considered Canstar's submission, and considering all of the above-mentioned factors and circumstances, I remain convinced that a \$2,000 penalty is appropriate in this case.
- 8. In the result, I order Canstar to pay an administrative penalty of \$2,000. Section 35(2) of the *Act* requires this fine to be paid within 30 days of the issuance of the Decision Notice. Payment should be made by payable to the Minister of Finance and delivered to the Office of the BC Container Trucking Commissioner.
- 9. Canstar may request a reconsideration of the Commissioner's Decision by filing a Notice of Reconsideration with the Commissioner not more than 30 days after Canstar'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.
- 10. Despite the filing of a Notice of Reconsideration, and subject to section 39(2) of the *Act*, 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 17th day of September 2025.

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