CVSA's 2017 International Roadcheck Enforcement Event to Take Place June 6-8 with Special Emphasis on Cargo Securement

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance’s (CVSA) 30th annual International Roadcheck will take place June 6-8, 2017. Over a 72-hour period, CVSA-certified commercial motor vehicle inspectors in jurisdictions throughout North America will conduct inspections of commercial motor vehicles and their drivers.

Each year, International Roadcheck places special emphasis on a category of violations. This year’s focus is cargo securement. While checking for compliance with safe cargo securement regulations is always part of roadside inspections, CVSA is highlighting cargo securement safety this year as a reminder of its importance to highway safety.

Inspectors will primarily be conducting the North American Standard Level I Inspection, which is the most thorough roadside inspection. It is a 37-step procedure that includes an examination of both driver operating requirements and vehicle mechanical fitness. Drivers are required to provide items such as their driver’s license, hours-of-service documentation, motor carrier registration and shipping documentation, and inspectors will be checking drivers for seat belt usage and the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The vehicle inspection includes checking items such as the brake systems, cargo securement, coupling devices, driveline/driveshaft, exhaust systems, frames, fuel systems, lighting devices (required lamps), steering mechanisms, suspensions, tires, van and open-top trailer bodies, wheels, rims and hubs, windshield wipers, and emergency exits (on buses).
International Roadcheck is the largest targeted enforcement program on commercial motor vehicles in the world, with nearly 17 trucks or buses inspected, on average, every minute in Canada, the United States and Mexico during a 72-hour period. Since its inception, more than 1.5 million roadside inspections have been conducted during International Roadcheck campaigns.

International Roadcheck is a CVSA program with participation by the U.S. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators, Transport Canada, and the Secretariat of Communications and Transportation (Mexico).

Learn more about International Roadcheck.

**Best Practice Guidelines for Roadside Inspections:**

Train your drivers now how to complete good quality pre and post-trip inspections to reduce possibility of violations.

Review CSA SMS monthly at [http://www2.idealease.com/e/36492/2017-03-17/5bf5tx/559280389](http://www2.idealease.com/e/36492/2017-03-17/5bf5tx/559280389) enter your DOT number or name, click on the different basics to view inspection information. Cross reference the inspections you have on file with the inspections turned in by your drivers. Question your drivers who do not submit inspection reports. Also review the history tab directly below the basics to determine if the number of inspections you are having is on the rise or decline.

Review vehicle inspections and violations with your maintenance provider to reduce violations.

Maintain copies, along with any repair orders attached if there were violations, in tractor and trailer file.

Use the roadside inspection information, such as date, time and locations to cross reference with the drivers hours of service documentation for falsification violations.

Train drivers how to successfully pass a roadside inspection and how to conduct themselves.

**2017 National Work Zone Awareness Week, April 3-7**

National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is an annual spring campaign held at the start of construction season to encourage safe driving through highway work zones and construction sites. The key message is for drivers to use extra caution in work zones. For more information, check out the link below:

- [American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA)](http://www2.idealease.com/e/36492/safety-seminar-registration/5bf5vb/559280389)
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