



Task Force on Vehicle Weights and Dimension Policy - Roundtable Updates (Federal)

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ELDs / Hours of Service (HoS) Regulations

- On Jan 1, 2023, full enforcement of the ELD mandate began throughout Canada.
 - ELDs must be used by federally-regulated bus and truck motor carriers and their drivers.
- To date, the three certification bodies (CB) have tested and certified 98 devices, which are posted on the TC website (<https://tc.canada.ca/en/road-transportation/electronic-logging-devices/list-electronic-logging-devices#certified>)
- To support PT enforcement, TC worked with the Department of Justice to designate certain provisions of the HoS Regulations as contraventions, which have been adopted as amendments to the federal *Contraventions* Regulations as July 05, 2023

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- Three-tiered approach to fines based on severity of contravention:

Minor	Moderate	Severe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • administrative • minor recordkeeping contravention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on-duty/drive limitations • off-duty requirements • more serious recordkeeping contraventions that increase risk • contraventions that hamper compliance monitoring by the motor carrier or effective enforcement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tampering • falsification or obstruction contraventions • most serious recordkeeping contraventions that prevent effective enforcement • most serious on-duty/drive limitations and rest requirement contraventions

- Doubling of fines for motor carriers compared to drivers. Driver fines range \$300-\$1,000, and motor carriers fines range \$600-\$2,000 (<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/sor-96-313/page-26.html#h-1407843>).

Truck Driver Shortages

- Trucking industry faces growing labour and skills shortages due to structural issues – estimates are between 25K to 55K vacancies for truck drivers from 2023 to 2035
- Collaborative actions across levels of government and industry partners:
 - ESDC - Sectoral Workforce Solutions Program - \$46M through Trucking HR Canada for training programs and wage subsidies for up to 1,400 new truck drivers and 1,200 additional workers
 - ESDC - Skills and Partnership Fund - two trucking projects of \$1.5M and \$25M – training and employment measures for Indigenous workers
 - IRCC - truck driving eligible for key immigration programs - Category-Based Selection under express entry Express Entry and truck drivers included in Recognized Employer Pilot under the TFWP
 - TC - engaging P&Ts through the Council of Ministers.

Supporting Medium and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicles (MHZEVs)

- Canada's 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan and [Canada's Action Plan for Clean On-Road Transportation](#), outline federal actions, including the following for MHZEVs:
 - ECCC - Regulations requiring 100% MHDV for sale to be ZEVs by 2040, with interim 2030 targets varying for different vehicle categories based on feasibility
 - TC - MHZEV purchase incentives through the iMHZEV Program
 - TC - ZE Trucking Program, which supports trucking demonstration and readiness
 - NRCan – Investing in ZEV charging, refuelling infrastructure
 - NRCan - Awareness programming dedicated to MHZEVs
- To cut emissions from existing vehicles, Canada is supporting fuel-saving retrofits through the Green Freight Program (NRCan).

Zero Emission Trucking Program (ZETP) Update

- Research and deployments advancing knowledge and readiness for the safe integration of MHZEV
- Launched in 2022, the Program:
 - co-hosted 3 workshops with industry and governments to identify work areas;
 - facilitated a workshop on hydrogen safety; and
 - commissioned a report on the future of battery technologies for electric long-haul trucking.
- It provided funding to BC and NS to support ZE trucking and recently announced a \$1.5M project with FP Innovations to establish a ZE Trucking Testbed in the Montréal area.
 - To study 5 battery-electric vehicles across 3 fleets, and to collect real-world MHZEV performance data in Canadian conditions to inform future work.
- The Program will continue to support capacity, research and safety testing to lay the groundwork and accelerating safe integration of MHZEVs.

Incentives for Medium and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicles - (iMHZEV) program

- Since the launch of the iMHZEV Program last summer, over 1,300 incentives have been requested (worth approximately \$35M)
- The list of eligible vehicles includes 80 different models from over 30 different manufacturers, with the most popular vehicles being:
 - Class 2B cargo van
 - Class 7 shuttle bus
 - Class 8 tractor truck

Supply Chains - Context

- The Minister established the National Supply Chain Task Force in 2022 to examine key issues affecting Canada's supply chain operations.
 - October 2022 - Task Force Report contained 21 immediate and long-term recommendations.
- Budget 2023 funding towards Canada's National Supply Chain Strategy, includes:
 - \$27M to establish a *Supply Chain Office* to work with industry and other orders of government to coordinate action to strengthen transportation supply chain infrastructure;
 - Developing a collaborative long-term roadmap for transportation infrastructure to better plan and coordinate investments required to support future trade growth; and
 - Securing better transportation supply chain data to help reduce congestion, make our supply chains more efficient, and inform infrastructure planning.

National Supply Chain Office

- Transport Canada is working on early actions identified in Budget 2023 to further strengthen Canada's supply chains.
- December 1, 2023, the Minister of Transport announced the establishment of the National Supply Chain Office, which will work with private and public sector partners across all modes increasing efficiency and resiliency across our supply chains.

The Office will:

1. Provide leadership, coordination, and external outreach as it examines domestic and international supply chain issues.
2. Drive data sharing and digitalization to enable goods to move faster and cheaper, support policy, regulatory, investment and operational decisions
3. Develop and implement a National Supply Chain Strategy.
4. Support the government's efforts in responding to significant supply chain disruptions

Weblink: <https://tc.canada.ca/en/supply-chain-canada/national-supply-chain-office>

News Release: [Minister of Transport announces launch of the National Supply Chain Office to strengthen Canada's supply chains and increase the economy's competitiveness - Canada.ca](#)

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