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EMA Regulatory Alert: FMCSA Final Rule Tightens Eligibility for Non-Domiciled CDL

Fuel distributors that rely on commercial motor vehicle drivers should be aware that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) finalized a rule that significantly revises standards governing non-domiciled Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDLs). The rule—titled *Restoring Integrity to the Issuance of Non-Domiciled CDLs*—took effect March 16, 2026, and aims to ensure that only properly vetted drivers are eligible to obtain these credentials.

Fuel distribution operations relying on commercial drivers in cargo tank vehicles should understand how the rule may affect the driver labor pool, CDL verification practices, and compliance expectations for fleets.

What Is a Non-Domiciled CDL?

A non-domiciled CDL is issued to individuals who are not domiciled in a U.S. state but are authorized to operate commercial motor vehicles in the United States. Historically, these credentials allowed certain foreign-domiciled drivers to obtain a U.S. CDL if they met federal safety and documentation requirements.

However, federal regulators identified widespread inconsistencies among states in verifying eligibility and immigration status. The new rule revises requirements under 49 CFR Parts 383 and 384 to ensure stronger identity and immigration verification.

Key Eligibility Changes

Under the new framework, only individuals in specific lawful immigration categories may obtain a non-domiciled CDL or Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP).

Eligible applicants must provide evidence of lawful immigration status and be present in the United States under one of the following visa categories:

- **H-2A** – Temporary Agricultural Workers
- **H-2B** – Temporary Non-Agricultural Workers
- **E-2** – Treaty Investors

Individuals in other immigration categories are not eligible for non-domiciled CDLs, even if otherwise authorized to work in the country such as DACA holders or EAD asylum seekers.

Additionally:

- Applicants must present documentation specified in **49 CFR § 383.5**.
- A **Form I-797C (Notice of Action)** cannot be used as proof of lawful immigration status.
- States are generally required to verify immigration status through the federal **SAVE verification system** administered by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

One-Year Maximum License Validity

The rule also limits the maximum validity period of a non-domiciled CDL. Under 49 CFR § 383.73, a state must ensure that the CDL's validity does not exceed the expiration date on the applicant's I-94 admission document or one year—whichever is sooner. If the immigration record indicates "duration of status" or no end date, the CDL still cannot exceed one year.

This means non-domiciled CDLs will typically require more frequent renewal and verification.

Mandatory Verification and Downgrades

State Driver Licensing Agencies (SDLAs) must now verify lawful immigration status for multiple CDL transactions, including:

- Initial issuance
- Renewal or transfer
- Reinstatement after suspension
- Upgrades or duplicate licenses

If a state receives information that a driver no longer has lawful immigration status, the state must downgrade the CDL within 30 days. The rule also requires states to query the federal SAVE system and retain proof of verification as part of the driver's record.

State Audits and Potential Revocations

FMCSA strongly encourages states to audit previously issued non-domiciled CDLs to determine whether they were issued in compliance with federal standards.

If licenses were issued with validity periods that exceeded the driver's authorized stay—or otherwise failed to meet federal requirements—states are encouraged to revoke the credentials and require the driver to reapply under the new rules.

Operational Considerations for Fuel Distributors

While the rule primarily governs licensing authorities, it may have practical implications for fuel distributors and motor carriers, including:

- Potential changes in the available driver pool for certain fleets, tentatively affecting price structures
- Increased scrutiny of CDL documentation during hiring and compliance checks
- Possible license downgrades or renewals affecting driver availability

While litigation is expected to continue regarding DOT/FMCSA's authority, companies should assess potential revocation exposure and heightened renewal requirements. EMA marketers should ensure that drivers operating cargo tank vehicles maintain valid CDLs consistent with federal licensing requirements and monitor developments as states implement the updated standards. [Click here](#) for more information.

EMA Regulatory Alert: Trump Administration Issues Temporary Jones Act Waiver to Stabilize Fuel Markets

On Wednesday, President Trump announced a temporary 60-day waiver of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920 (Jones Act), allowing non-U.S. flagged vessels to transport certain goods between U.S. ports. The waiver is intended to facilitate the movement of critical energy commodities and related materials—including crude oil, gasoline, diesel fuel, distillates, gasoline blendstocks, liquefied natural gas, and fertilizer inputs—during a period of heightened volatility in global energy markets.

For fuel marketers and distributors, the waiver could provide short-term logistical flexibility by expanding the pool of vessels available to move petroleum products domestically, particularly along key supply corridors such as the U.S. Gulf Coast to East Coast routes. The Administration indicated the measure is designed to help ensure adequate supply to U.S. military installations and airfields, while also supporting the broader distribution of energy products across domestic markets.

The announcement comes alongside a coordinated international effort to increase global oil supply. According to the Administration, member countries of the International Energy Agency have agreed to release 400 million barrels of crude oil and refined products from strategic reserves. As part of this effort, the United States will release 172 million barrels of crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, with deliveries expected to begin next week and continue over approximately four months.

These actions are intended to ease upward pressure on fuel prices and maintain stability in petroleum supply chains, particularly as geopolitical developments continue to affect global energy flows.

Additional steps announced by the Administration focus on protecting international shipping routes critical to fuel trade. The Administration has directed the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation to implement a \$20 billion maritime reinsurance initiative aimed at supporting tanker traffic through the Strait of Hormuz. The program is intended to restore confidence among shipping operators and ensure continued movement of liquid energy commodities from the Persian Gulf.

The Administration indicated that additional implementation details related to the Jones Act waiver will be issued soon by U.S. Customs and Border Protection. EMA will continue to monitor these developments and provide updates as further guidance becomes available.

EMA Washington Conference and Day on the Hill – May 13-15, 2026: Please Make Your Hotel Reservation and Register Now

EMA's annual Washington Conference and Day on the Hill will be held in Washington, DC from May 13-15 at [The Mayflower Hotel](#). Our industry continues to have many important legislative and regulatory issues to discuss and the Day on the Hill

remains the primary focus of this conference for you to meet with your members of Congress and network with other marketers from across the country!

Hotel reservations will close April 30 at 6:00 pm Eastern or when the room block is sold out. Tuesday night (5 available), Wednesday night (25 available), and Thursday night (Sold out). If we sell out, please refer to Additional Hotel Information #3.

Registrations must be received by April 30 to be included in our hotel guarantee.

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Strengthen Your Workplace by Reviewing the OSHA Top 10

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Top 10 Most Frequently Cited Standards serve to keep employers aware of common risks across all industries. This annual list highlights the most frequently cited violations that inspectors find in workplaces across the nation. It accounts for hazards that can lead to preventable injuries, illnesses, and deaths.



OSHA Top 10 Most Frequently Cited Standards

By reviewing these frequently cited standards, organizations can identify and address gaps. This can help prevent injuries, illnesses, or costly violations. For the most recent fiscal year, the top 10 OSHA hazards are:

1. [Fall protection](#) (general requirements)
2. [Hazard communication](#)
3. Ladders
4. Lockout/Tagout - Control of Hazardous Energy
5. Respiratory Protection
6. Fall Protection Training Requirements
7. Scaffolding
8. Powered Industrial Trucks (Forklifts)
9. [Eye and face protection](#)
10. Machine Guarding

Take Action

Each year, state and federal OSHA agencies conduct tens of thousands of inspections, assessing hundreds of millions of dollars in fines. Simply knowing the Top 10 list is not enough. Compare the current OSHA Top 10 list against your own operations and ask how you are addressing these topics. Consider implementing the following action items to help strengthen your safety culture:

- Conduct regular workplace assessments and audits to note high-risk areas and practices.
- Implement training and education for employees.
- Create a culture of safety and encourage open communication.
- Document and review risk management policies. Track safety training, inspections, incidents, and policy updates to align with OSHA standards.

Addressing the OSHA Top 10 is not just about compliance. Fostering a [strong safety culture](#) can help protect your most valuable assets. Connect with a Federated Insurance [marketing representative](#) to learn more and to access helpful OSHA Top 10 risk management resources or contact your Federated regional representative or EMA's National Account Executive [Jack West](#) at [262.719.7750](tel:262.719.7750) for any additional information or risk management questions.

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- April 23-24, 2026 ECAN (Nevada) Big Dogs, Red Rock Resort, Las Vegas, NV
- April 28, 2026 - IPM&CSA (Idaho) Ridgecrest PAC Golf Tournament, Nampa, ID
- June 2-3, 2026 MPMCSA (Montana) Convention, Fairmont Resort, Fairmont, MT
- June 15-17, 2026 WOMA (Washington) Convention, Suncadia Resort, Cle Elum, WA
- July 12-14, 2026 OFA (Oregon) Conference, Sunriver Resort, Sunriver, OR
- Aug 5-7, 2026 IPM&CSA (Idaho) Convention, Coeur d'Alene Resort, Coeur d'Alene, ID



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