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## **Electronic Logging Device (ELD) Transition Information** **November 20, 2017**

1. FMCSA will continue its policy of transparency towards the industry when it comes to implementation issues of this rule, passed by Congress five years ago.
2. The ELD rule is going forward as planned on December 18, 2017. FMCSA has listened to important feedback from many stakeholder groups and is primarily concerned with helping ease the transition to full implementation of the ELD rule in a manner that does not impede the flow of commerce and maintains and improves safety for operators and the public.
3. To ease the transition to ELDs, FMCSA's partners at the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance have previously announced a delay in placing non-ELD compliant vehicles out-of-service until April 1, 2018, which will allow continued time for carriers and law enforcement to adjust to the new technology. In addition, FMCSA is announcing that violations cited during the time period of December 18, 2017 through April 1, 2018 will not count against a carrier's Safety Measurement System scores.
4. FMCSA has heard concerns specific to the transportation of agricultural commodities, especially the transportation of livestock. While those concerns are specifically related to the hours-of-service requirements and not ELD, FMCSA feels it is important to take additional time to evaluate these issues, and therefore will be issuing a 90-day waiver for these groups (detailed in forthcoming guidance) to allow the Agency to fully evaluate recently filed exemption requests.
5. In the coming weeks, FMCSA will publish guidance for comment relating to the application of the agricultural commodity hours-of-service exemption. FMCSA will also provide guidance on the existing 150 air miles hours-of-service exemption in order to provide clarity to enforcement and industry, and will consider comments received before publishing final guidance.
6. Finally, FMCSA will publish guidance on another hours-of-service issue, known as Personal Conveyance, which has become more relevant due to the upcoming ELD rule enforcement. The goal of these guidance documents is to take input on their application and develop a consistent and uniform application of the provision.
7. Public participation in this guidance is essential to the process, so we ask for continued engagement from all impacted stakeholder groups across industries.