



# Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance

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### UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION AGREEMENT (UCR) ENFORCEMENT BULLETIN FOR 2012 REGISTRATION YEAR

#### Summary

This bulletin provides guidance for verifying compliance with UCR during roadside inspections and encourages roadside enforcement for the 2012 registration year to begin effective **February 1, 2012**.

#### Background

The 2005 United States Department of Transportation re-authorization bill, also known as SAFETEA-LU, codified UCR into federal law.

#### Enforcement of a Previous UCR Registration Year (2010 – 2011)

In order for roadside enforcement of a previous UCR registration year, enforcement staff should first obtain evidence of interstate/international operations occurring during that particular registration year. Proof may include but not be limited to log entries; toll receipts; shipping papers; bills of lading; previous years apportioned receipt or prior years roadside inspection reports of interstate/international operations. It should be noted that SAFER ([www.safersys.org](http://www.safersys.org)) only displays three years of UCR registration information, therefore beginning February 1, 2012, roadside enforcement should only involve the 2010, 2011 and 2012 UCR registration years.

#### Who is Subject to UCR?

All motor carriers (for-hire, private and exempt) – as well as brokers, freight forwarders, and leasing companies operating in interstate or international commerce are subject to the new UCR. Entities based in Canada and Mexico that are involved in interstate or international commerce in the United States are also subject to UCR.

#### Who is Not Subject to UCR?

The following groups are not subject to UCR:

- (1) entities that receive USDOT numbers under the PRISM program as “registrants” but have no interstate operating authority;
- (2) except when a state has adopted the UCR Program for intrastate carriers, purely intrastate carriers, that is those that do not handle interstate/international freight or make interstate/international movements;
- (3) private motor carriers of passengers, meaning those that operate as a private motor carrier engaged in the interstate/international transportation of passengers which is provided in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise and is not available to the public at large.

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**Which States are Participating in UCR?**

The following forty-one (41) states are participating in UCR for the 2012 calendar/registration year and serve as UCR base states:

Alaska	Delaware	Kansas	Minnesota	New Mexico	Pennsylvania	Utah
Alabama	Georgia	Kentucky	Mississippi	New York	Rhode Island	Virginia
Arkansas	Idaho	Louisiana	Missouri	North Carolina	South Carolina	Washington
California	Illinois	Maine	Montana	North Dakota	South Dakota	Wisconsin
Colorado	Indiana	Massachusetts	Nebraska	Ohio	Tennessee	West Virginia
Connecticut	Iowa	Michigan	New Hampshire	Oklahoma	Texas	

NOTE: Carriers and others subject to UCR domiciled in non-participating states that are involved in interstate or international commerce must register under UCR and declare one of the states listed above as their base state.

Beginning in October of 2011, those subject to UCR were either mailed reminder notices or UCR application forms with instructions on how to register and pay 2012 UCR fees on-line at the national UCR site developed and maintained by the Indiana Department of Revenue. This system is fully operational and is located at [www.ucr.in.gov](http://www.ucr.in.gov). Also, at this site you can find helpful information about UCR with "Informal Guidance for Interested Parties" and "UCR Procedures" available for download. In addition to the Indiana site there are nine states that have created their own UCR system and are uploading registration data to SAFER daily.

**Is there a UCR Credential?**

**NO UCR CREDENTIAL IS REQUIRED TO BE CARRIED IN THE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE.**

**Guidance**

The Unified Carrier Registration Board of Directors encourages roadside enforcement for the 2012 registration year, effective **February 1, 2012**. Enforcement of UCR should only occur after on-line or telephonic verification that the company has failed to register for the 2012 UCR registration year. Roadside enforcement should only be performed for the 2012 UCR registration year unless proof of operation in a previous UCR registration year can be obtained.

As an attachment to this bulletin, a listing of the forty-one participating states with phone numbers has been provided to verify compliance with UCR. This information should also be given to carriers that are required to register or have questions concerning the program.

- To verify compliance please call during normal business hours and provide the USDOT number with the carrier's name

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has added a 49 CFR violation code into the Aspen software to indicate that a carrier is not in compliance with UCR. It is:

- **392.2UCR - "Failure to pay UCR fees"**

For the issuance of citations or traffic summons consult your state statutes and department regulations.

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To verify UCR compliance, access Query Central and at the Carrier Level click on the UCR link at the bottom of the page. You can also go directly to [www.safersys.org](http://www.safersys.org). Under the middle column "FMCSA Searches" click on "Unified Carrier Registration (UCR)."

The screenshot shows the 'CARRIER SUMMARY' page for JKC TRUCKING INC. The page includes a navigation bar with 'Driver', 'Vehicle', 'Carrier', and 'Help Home' links. Below the navigation bar, there are links for 'Carrier Summary', 'Carrier Detail', 'Vehicle Detail', 'REGISTRATION', 'EISIM', 'Inspection', and 'Rates'. The main content area is titled 'Monitor Carrier Identification & Safety Data' and includes a note: 'Please Note: You can now access L&I detail by clicking on the MC/MX number(s)'. A table provides details for the carrier, including legal name, DBA name, physical and mailing addresses, and contact information. The table also shows the carrier's status as 'ACTIVE' and 'CARRIER'. A prominent 'Inspection Value: 98 - INSPECT' is displayed, along with a note that the value is based on SAFESTAT data. Links are provided to visit the SAFER Website and click for UCR information regarding this carrier.

Legal Name:	JKC TRUCKING INC	ESDOT#:	284600
DBA Name:		MC/MX#:	194782
Physical Address:	5450 SOUTH CENTER AVENUE SUMMIT, IL 60501	Phone#:	(708)496-3901
Country of Domicile:	UNITED STATES	Fax#:	(708)496-3903
Mailing Address:	5450 SOUTH CENTER AVENUE SUMMIT, IL 60501	States of USDOT #:	ACTIVE
		Entity:	CARRIER

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Inspection Value is based on SAFESTAT data.

Visit the [SAFER Website](#) for additional information.

Click [here](#) for UCR information regarding this carrier.

The screenshot shows the SAFER WEB homepage in a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser. The page is titled 'SAFER WEB - Microsoft Internet Explorer' and has the URL 'http://www.safersys.org'. The main content area is divided into three columns: 'FMCSA Services', 'FMCSA Searches', and 'Other FMCSA Web Sites'. The 'FMCSA Services' column includes links for 'FMCSA Registration & Updates', 'Company Safety Profile', 'Company Safety Profile Subscription', 'Online Fine Payment', and 'MC/MX Data Dissemination Catalog'. The 'FMCSA Searches' column includes links for 'Company Snapshot', 'SafeStat Online', 'Licensing & Insurance', 'Orders to Cease Operation (OCO) / Out of Service Orders (OSO)', 'Cargo Tests', 'Crash Data & Inspection Out of Service (IOS) Rates for Hazardous Materials Safety Events Program (www.hazmat.us.dhs.gov)', 'FMCSA Registration Cards', and 'Unified Carrier Registration (UCR)'. The 'Other FMCSA Web Sites' column includes links for 'FMCSA Home Page', 'Data24', 'FMCSA Information System', 'National HM Route Registry', and 'ITS CVSR'. There is also a 'SAFER Information' section with links for 'About SAFER', 'SAFER News', 'Company Snapshot Updates', and 'Frequently Asked Questions'. At the bottom of the page, there are links for 'Enforcement Login', 'CWISM Login', 'Administration Login', 'XML Subscriptions Login', and 'E-Authentication Login'. The page footer includes links for 'Site Links', 'Home', 'Feedback', 'Contact', 'Data24', 'FAQ', 'Accessibility', 'Privacy Notice', 'Related Links', 'Arabic Reader Download', and 'SAFER Links'.

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If the carrier is an “intrastate only” carrier or an interstate/international carrier that has never registered in UCR the message “No data found for this query” will appear. **Under this scenario enforcement staff should first verify that the carrier is in fact operating in interstate or international commerce** and if so, take appropriate enforcement action. No UCR enforcement action should be taken against a motor carrier operating solely in intrastate commerce unless that state has adopted the UCR for their intrastate only motor carriers.



It is imperative to click on the “Search” button and not the “Enter” key. Clicking on the “Enter” key will result in an inaccurate screen that will not have the message “No data found for this query.”

