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FMCSA Streamlines Vetting Process for Electronic Logging Devices Used by Truckers

Yesterday, the **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)** announced a complete overhaul of the vetting process for Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs) used by truckers helping to ensure non-compliant devices are blocked before they ever reach FMCSA's Registered ELD list.

The new, more rigorous vetting process is part of a broader Department initiative to strengthen road safety for American families while cutting costs for truck drivers and carriers. Most commercial drivers are required to use ELDs under federal law, with limited exceptions for certain short-haul operations and older vehicles.

Key features of the new-and-improved ELD vetting process include:

Initial Review

- Verification of contact information, technical specifications, and device images.

Fraud Detection

- Cross-checking new applications against active, inactive, revoked, and in-process lists.

Application Categorization

1. Category 1 - Approved: Application has met all necessary requirements for approval.
2. Category 2 - Information Requested: Application is pending further information from the applicant.
3. Category 3 - Further Review: Application requires additional internal assessment and may require additional documentation from the applicant.
4. Category 4 - Denied: Application does not meet the required standards for approval.

Under the previous system, it was easier to register non-compliant devices or re-register devices that had been revoked, leading to repeated revocations and costly, inconvenient replacements for carriers. FMCSA's updated process closes this loophole, giving carriers and drivers a greater peace-of-mind that the ELDs they purchase are accurate, reliable, and compliant.

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