



## Section 20: Definitions

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**Annual report** - Lists a motor carrier's assets, revenue, liabilities, and operating costs.

**Bill of lading** - A written transportation contract between shipper and carrier (or its agents). Identifies freight, recipient, place of delivery, and terms of agreement.

**CDL** - Commercial Driver's License.

**Chapter 221** - Minnesota Statutes chapter containing the Minnesota Motor Carrier laws.

**CMV** - Commercial motor vehicle.

**Covered farm vehicle** - (1) Means a straight truck or articulated vehicle --

(i) Registered in a State with a license plate or other designation issued by the State of registration that allows law enforcement officials to identify it as a farm vehicle;

(ii) Operated by the owner or operator of a farm or ranch, or an employee or family member of an owner or operator of a farm or ranch;

(iii) Used to transport agricultural commodities, livestock, machinery or supplies to or from a farm or ranch; and

(iv) Not used in for-hire motor carrier operations; however, for-hire motor carrier operations do not include the operation of a vehicle meeting the requirements of paragraphs (1)(i) through (iii) of this definition by a tenant pursuant to a crop share farm lease agreement to transport the landlord's portion of the crops under that agreement.

(2) Meeting the requirements of paragraphs (1)(i) through (iv) of this definition:

(i) With a gross vehicle weight or gross vehicle weight rating, whichever is greater, of 26,001 pounds or less may utilize the exemptions in 49 CFR Section 390.39 anywhere in the United States; or

(ii) With a gross vehicle weight or gross vehicle weight rating, whichever is greater, of more than 26,001 pounds may utilize the exemptions in 49 CFR § 390.39 anywhere in the State of registration or across State lines within 150 air miles of the farm or ranch with respect to which the vehicle is being operated.

**DVIR** - Driver vehicle inspection report.

**ELD (Electronic Logging Device)** - A device/technology that automatically records a driver's driving time and other hours of service data that meets the requirements of subpart B of 49CFR Part 395.

**FMCSR (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations)** - Contains the regulations governing operations of trucks and buses in interstate commerce. Minnesota has adopted most of the FMCSR for intrastate transportation.

**For-hire** - Transportation service provided for compensation of any kind: promised, paid, or given.

**Form E** - Uniform Motor Carrier Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability Certificate of Insurance.

**Form H** - Certificate of insurance providing cargo coverage. The certificate of insurance must conform to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49.

**Form K** - Certificate filed by the insurance company canceling a certificate of insurance.

**49 CFR** - Refers to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49.

**Freight bill** - Shipping document describing the freight, classification, rates charged, total amount for transportation, and any other charges made under a tariff.

**GVW** - Gross vehicle weight. The greater of the unloaded weight of a vehicle plus the weight of the load; or the value specified by the manufacturer as the maximum gross weight or gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR).

**GVWR** - Gross vehicle weight rating. Means the value specified by the vehicle manufacturer as the loaded weight of a single motor vehicle.

**HM** (hazardous materials) - Substance or material capable of posing unreasonable risk to health, safety, and property when transported in commerce, as determined by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation.

**HMR** - Hazardous Materials Regulations

**IFTA** - International Fuel Tax Agreement

**IRP** - International Registration Plan.

**Interstate** - Transportation between a place in a state and a place outside of such state, between two places in a state through another state or a place outside of the United States, or between two places in a state as part of transportation originating or terminating outside of the state or the United States.

**Intrastate** - Transportation entirely within one state that is not interstate in nature.

**MCS 90** - Endorsement for motor carrier policies of insurance for public liability.

**Medical certificate** - Certificate issued to a driver who has passed a USDOT-prescribed physical examination. Also known as a "health card."

**Medical waiver** - Waiver issued by MnDOT to drivers who cannot meet minimum driver qualification standards under 49 CFR Part 391.

**MnDOT** - Minnesota Department of Transportation.

**Motor carrier (Minnesota definition)** - A person engaged in the for-hire transportation of property or passengers. "Motor carrier" does not include a person providing transportation described in section 221.025, a building mover subject to 221.81, or a person providing limousine service as defined in section 221.84.

**Motor carrier (Federal definition)** - For-hire or private carrier of property or passengers by motor vehicle in interstate commerce.

**Operating authority** - A permit or certificate issued to a carrier authorized to provide for-hire transportation service. Issued by MnDOT for intrastate transportation and USDOT for interstate transportation.

**Out-of-service** - A declaration by an authorized enforcement officer that a driver, commercial motor vehicle, or a motor carrier operation is out of service pursuant to the North American Standard Out of Service Criteria.

**Placard** - Diamond-shaped sign required to be displayed on a motor vehicle hauling specific quantities of hazardous materials showing the hazard classification of material transported.

**Private carrier** - A person engaged in the transportation of property or passengers by motor vehicle when: (1) the person transporting the property or passengers is engaged in a business other than transportation; and (2) the transportation is within the scope of and furthers a primary business, other than transportation, of that person.

“Private carrier” does not include a person while engaged in transportation described in section 221.025.

**Record of Duty Status (RODS)** - Commonly referred to as a logbook. It is a written or electronic record completed by a commercial vehicle driver to record the driver’s hours of service.

**Shipping paper** - A document required for the shipment of hazardous materials that meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 172 Subpart C. A bill of lading or other document used in connection with the movement of freight.

**Skills Performance Evaluation (SPE) Certificate** - A certificate issued by the USDOT to allow person who is not physically qualified to drive but is otherwise qualified to drive, to drive a commercial motor vehicle.

**STS** - Special Transportation Service.

**Tariff** - Schedule of rates a carrier charges for providing transportation services.

**UCR** - Unified Carrier Registration.

**USDOT** - United States Department of Transportation.

