



U.S. Department
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**Federal Highway
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Washington, D.C. 20590

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T R DRUM & FREIGHT CO
PO BOX 119
PLANT CITY FL 33564

813/754-4255

Dear Motor Carrier:

This letter is to notify you of your USDOT Identification Number and to draw your attention to the requirement for Marking of Commercial Motor Vehicles in section 390.21 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. A copy of this regulation is enclosed. Its primary purpose is to assist enforcement personnel in properly identifying motor carriers, thereby assuring the submission of accurate data to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The number also affords the public a way to quickly and accurately identify a motor carrier operating a particular commercial motor vehicle.

If you are operating as a private motor carrier of property or passengers in interstate commerce, as a for-hire motor carrier of property in interstate commerce not subject to regulation by the Interstate Commerce Commission, or as an interstate motor carrier of migrant workers, this regulation requires you to mark all of your "self-propelled motor vehicles" (generally straight trucks and truck tractors) in accordance with the enclosed.

The following USDOT Identification Number is assigned to the motor carrier identified above:

USDOT 764197

This letter is being sent to every motor carrier recently added to FHWA records. There has been no attempt to differentiate among private, migrant worker, for-hire, or other types of motor carriers because many carriers conduct operations in a combination of these classifications. If you have questions about compliance with this requirement, please contact the office shown below:

FHWA OFFICE OF MOTOR CARRIERS

227 NORTH BRONOUGH ST., RM 2060
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32301
904 / 942-9683

For-hire motor carriers operating in interstate commerce under authority issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) are not subject to this regulation, but are required to mark their vehicles under a similar regulation issued and enforced by the ICC. The FHWA expects for-hire interstate motor carriers, subject to its safety jurisdiction, to comply with applicable ICC vehicle marking requirements. Motor carriers whose operations are both for-hire and private or some other type of operation (e.g., a private motor carrier hauling its own products outbound from its own facility and operating as a for-hire motor carrier on the return movement) may fulfill the vehicle marking requirements contained in section 390.21 by displaying their ICC number at all times.

If you receive more than one of these letters referencing different USDOT identification numbers, it is probably because of mergers, acquisitions or reorganizations that have occurred, but are not yet reflected in our records, or because divided record authority has been granted and separate numbers were inadvertently issued. If you receive more than one letter, you should contact the FHWA Motor Carrier office shown above to determine which number is most appropriate. When a determination has been made, please return the other letters to the FHWA Motor Carrier office with a brief explanation as to which number is being used.

If this letter is received at a location other than your principal office (e.g., a terminal or an area office) the letter should be forwarded to your principal office. If there has been a change in your motor carrier operation name or principal office address, please correct the information at the top of this letter and return it to the FHWA Motor Carrier office shown above (after noting your USDOT Identification number).

Thank you for your cooperation in implementing this regulation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "John F. Grimm". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "G".

John F. Grimm
Director, Office of Motor Carrier
Information Management

Enclosure

SEC. 390.21 MARKING OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES

(a) General. Every self-propelled commercial motor vehicle operated in interstate commerce and subject to the rules of subchapter B of this chapter must be marked as specified in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of this section. Self-propelled commercial motor vehicles operated by for-hire motor carriers under authority issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) may meet the requirements of this section by complying with the marking requirements set forth in 49 CFR part 1058.

(b) Nature of Marking. The marking must display the following information:

- (1) The name or trade name of the motor carrier operating the self-propelled motor vehicle.
- (2) The city or community and State (name abbreviated) in which the carrier maintains its principal place of business or in which the vehicle is customarily based.
- (3) The motor carrier identification number, if issued by the FHWA, preceded by the letters "USDOT."
- (4) If the name of any person other than the operating carrier appears on the motor vehicle operated under its own power, either alone or in combination, the name of the operating carrier shall be followed by the information required by paragraphs (b)(1) and (2) of this section, and be preceded by the words "operated by."
- (5) Other identifying information may be displayed on the vehicle if it is not inconsistent with the information required by this paragraph.

(c) Size, shape, location, and color of marking. The marking must -

- (1) Appear on both sides of the self-propelled vehicle;
- (2) Be in letters that contrast sharply in color with the background on which the letters are placed;
- (3) Be readily legible, during daylight hours, from a distance of 50 feet while the vehicle is stationary; and
- (4) Be kept and maintained in a manner that retains the legibility required by paragraph (c)(3) of this section.

(d) Construction and durability. The marking may be painted on the motor vehicle or may consist of a removable device, if that device meets the identification and legibility requirements of this section, and such marking shall be maintained in such a manner as to remain legible as required by this section.



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ADDRESS CHANGE

August 7, 1996

Mr. Thomas Benthall
T-R Drum and Freight Company
P.O. Box 119
Plant City, FL 33566

Effective Date - May 29, 1992

Dear Mr. Benthall:

This letter issues Department of Transportation (DOT) registration number DOT R-1897 for the purpose of reconditioning DOT 17 series steel drums. This number is issued for your facility located at 3910 U.S. Hwy 92 East, Plant City, Florida.

The above number is issued with the understanding that all drums marked by you with your DOT registration must meet the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, (49 CFR), Section 173.28(m) including (a) being of original shape and contour; (b) being only DOT specification 17C, 17E, or 17H drums; (c) having been inspected to ensure that such drums are not defective or deteriorated, and (d) having been pressure tested as required for the specification.

In addition to the reconditioning of drums in compliance with 49 CFR, Section 173.28(m), the following conditions must be met:

1. The second copy of this registration must be signed by the facility manager and returned within 20 days from this date.
2. A sample of the method you will use to mark or label your drums in compliance with the marking requirements must be furnished to this office.
3. Any change in company name of facility location must be reported to this office within 20 days.

Please advise this office if you cease reconditioning drums under this registration.

T-R DRUM CO.

1A1/Y1.6/250

USA/R1897/96/RL

Sincerely,

James E. Jones
James Enoch Jones
Chief, Approvals
Office of Hazardous Materials
Exemptions and Approvals

Signature: *Thomas Benthall*

Date: *8-22-96*

Title: *Co. Owner*

1A2/Y1.2/150

USA/R1897/96RL



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SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

Thom Benthall

Co-Owner

6-12-92

T-R Drum Company
D.O.T. Leak Tested
D.O.T. #R1897

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