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## **ELECTRONIC LOGGING DEVICE (ELD) UPDATE – NOVEMBER 26, 2020 – TRANSPORT CANADA**

FMA made arrangements for the membership to be briefed by Transport Canada on the progress of ELD implementation. The briefing was given by Mr. Ibrahima Sow, Executive Director, Road Safety and Vehicle Regulations, by video link on November 26.

The amendments to the *Hours of Service Regulations* require all trucks used in interprovincial service to be equipped with certified ELDs by June 12, 2021. Before any devices are installed, they are required to be certified by a third-party certifying company. To date one company, FPInnovations, has been approved by Transport Canada as a certifying agency. Mr. Sow noted that one such agency is not likely to meet the certification demand in time for trucking companies to meet the installation deadline and that three other companies have expressed interest in applying as certifying agencies. He noted that Transport Canada is working with the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) on authorizing the certification companies and one of the additional companies is a strong contender for early authorization. Mr. Sow reported that Transport Canada and SCC are meeting regularly with the device supplier industry.

Mr. Sow reported that, to date, approximately 20 companies have indicated that they will be applying for certification of devices.

In the discussion, there was concern expressed about the tight timelines to the June 12<sup>th</sup> deadline. Mr. Sow reported that, at this time, the Minister of Transport has not indicated that any deadline extension is being considered. It was noted that truck owners will need to review the specifications of the various devices, decide on which to purchase, order and determine delivery date, install and train staff on the use, all of which will take considerable time, likely measured in months. Mr. Sow reported that the concerns of stakeholders, as reported, are communicated up the chain of command at Transport Canada.

In the discussion on timelines, the capacity of the certifying companies to meet the demand for certification in a timely manner was also raised as a concern.

Mr. Sow expressed appreciation to FMA for the opportunity to brief FMA members on ELD progress and indicated that Transport Canada will continue the dialogue with FMA as new information becomes available.

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