



#### Canadian Association of Movers Hours of Service Workshop

**September 18, 2006** 







# **Federal HOS regulations**

- ♣ Federal HOS regulations apply to drivers of extraprovincial motor carriers, regardless of country of origin (e.g. U.S.)
  - Scope:
    - → Trucks with registered gross vehicle weight > 4,500 kg
    - **→** Buses with a seating capacity of > 10, including the driver
- ♣ Provinces/territories (P/T) enforce the federal hours of service regulations
- **♣** Similar regulations in P/Ts





### **Rulemaking process**

- Based on significant and collaborative research with U.S.
- ♣ Involved P/T and stakeholder input, including safety advocates, labour, industry, drivers associations, etc.
- ♣ Reviewed by House of Commons Standing Committee on Transportation (SCOT) :
  - Held public hearings
  - ▶ Endorsed the proposed changes (June 2002)







# Rulemaking Process cont'd

- ♣ On September 20, 2002, F/P/T Ministers endorsed the revised NSC Standard #9 and agreed to initiate regulatory action based on the standard.
- ♣ On February 15, 2003 proposed federal regulations were published in the Canada Gazette Part I
  - TC has been working with P/Ts and stakeholders to address technical/legal comments
  - Process delayed to iron out technical and procedural issues





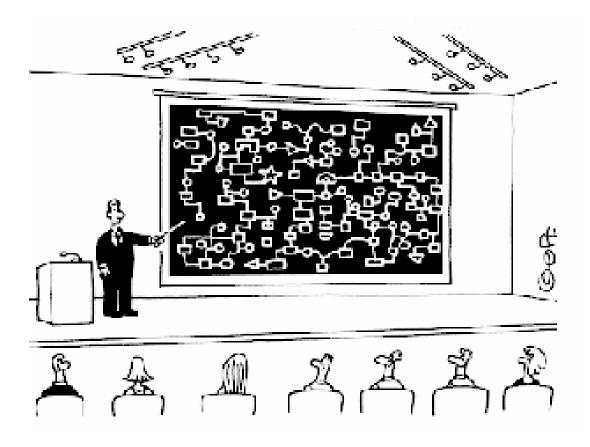
### Rulemaking Process cont'd

- ♣ On November 16, 2005 federal regulations were published in the Canada Gazette Part II
- Provinces and territories are busy drafting their own regulations
- ♣ Implementation date for fed/prov/terr regulations is firmly set for January 1, 2007









**Critical path to redrafting the Hours of Service Regulation in Canada** 





#### **Implementation plan**

- ♣ CCMTA has completed Application Guide in form of PDF file, >160 questions and >60 pages
- **4** Guide available for free on CCMTA website
- ♣ P/Ts are busy training enforcement officers
- ♣ Industry should be busy training their drivers on the new rules
- ♣ We have compiled parked issues and potential amendments for when we revise Standard #9 in the future

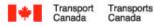




#### Implementation cont'd

- ♣ We need to draft some corrections and technical amendments and re-publish in Gazette II before the January 1
- TC will update fines for federal Contravention Regulations for HOS, also will establish new fines related to safety fitness, MVTA and Carrier Safety Fitness Certificate Regulations
- ♣ Possible delay? Not very likely. All prov/terr have indicated they will have their legislation ready. CCMTA is monitoring monthly
- Likely 6 month soft enforcement/education period, written warnings/no charges







#### Implementation cont'd

- ♣ TC and CCMTA will monitor on-going court challenges in US rule and expected regulation changes (i.e. NPRM's expected for supporting documents and EOBR's this Oct/Nov)
- ♣ TC prepared discussion paper on EOBR's for Council of Deputy Ministers which they are discussing today in Charlottetown (also wrote paper for them on Speed Limiters)
- ♣ TC is currently developing some education materials for industry such as brochure, wallet card and poster





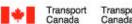
# Changes to the Regulation





# No Sleeping Between the Seats









# **Key changes**

- **♣** Introduce a 24-hour work and rest cycle
  - Current regime is based on a 21-hours rotation (e.g. 13 hours driving/8 hours off-duty/13 hours driving etc.)
  - Fatigue research pointed to the need for more recuperative rest
  - Proposal provides drivers opportunity to have more rest
- Contains work shift limitations like the current rule but also establishes daily limitations
- ♣ The "day" is fixed, however the shift "floats", likely in synch with day but doesn't have to be - it's flexible

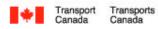






### General rules: daily

- "Day" defined as "a 24-hour period that begins at the hour designated by a motor carrier and is maintained for the duration of the cycle"
  - Start time of the day can only be changed after a cycle reset of 36 or 72 hours
- **♣** 10 hours off-duty time must be taken daily
- ♣ No driver shall drive after accumulating:
  - ▶ 13 hours of driving time
  - ▶ 14 hours of on-duty time







#### General rules: work shift

- New work shift starts when a driver reports for duty, after having taken at least 8 consecutive hours of off-duty
- ♣ Within the work shift, no driver shall drive after accumulating:
  - ▶ 13 hours of driving time
  - ▶ 14 hours of on-duty time
  - **→ 16 hours of elapsed time**
- ♣ When any of these limits are reached, the driver must take a minimum of 8 consecutive hours off-duty before starting to drive again







### Other key changes

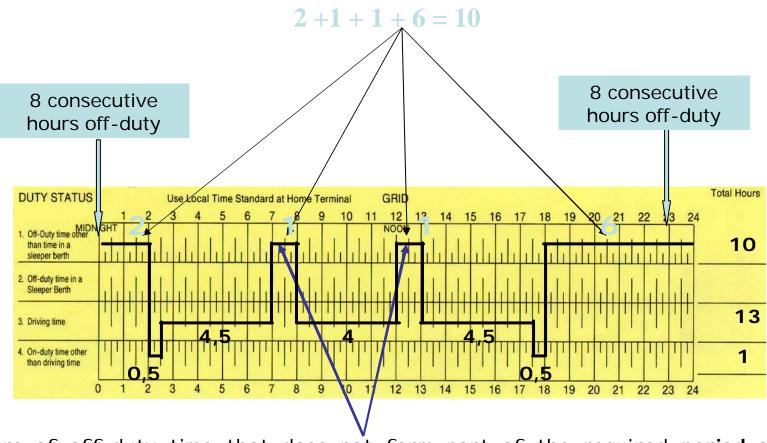
- ♣ Reduced cumulative driving limits in a 7 day cycle from 108 hours to 84 hours, which currently can be achieved by switching between different work schedules
- **♣** Simplified work schedule options from 3 to 2
  - 1) 70 hrs on-duty per 7 days
  - 2) 120 hrs on-duty per 14 days
- **♣** Modified provisions for sleeper berth







#### 10 hours of daily off-duty time:



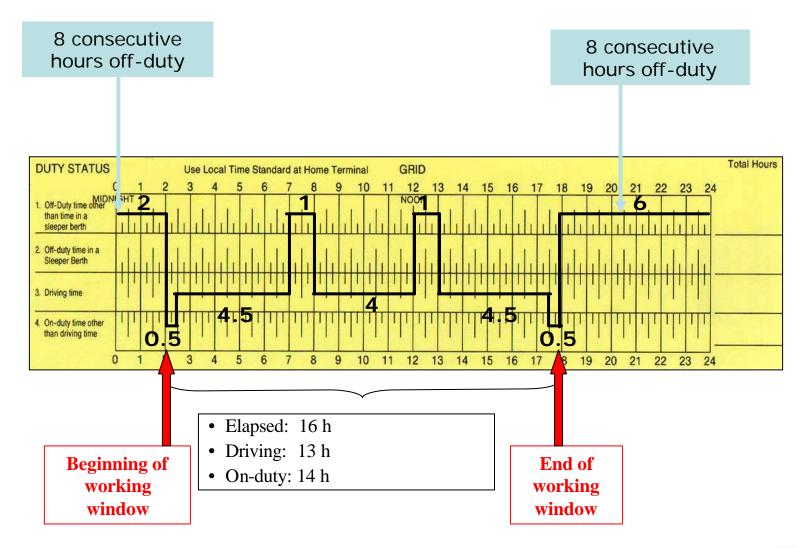
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#### Working Window





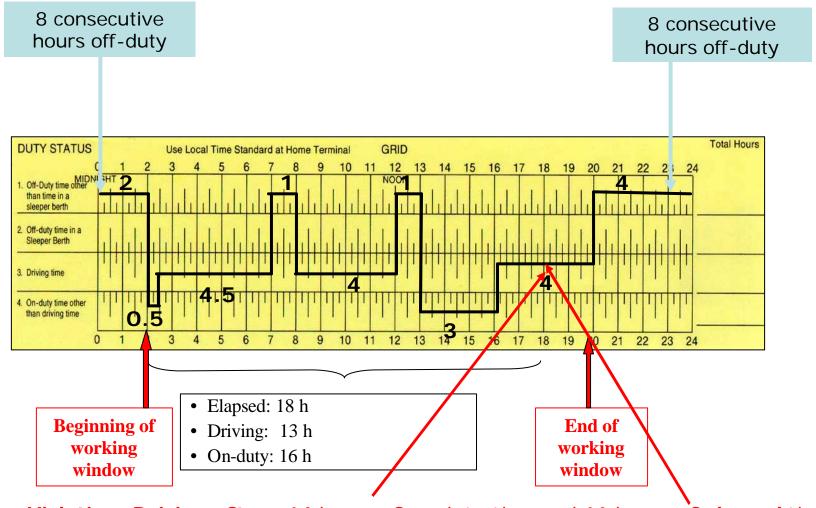




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#### Working Window Violation





**Violation:** Driving after: 14 hours of on-duty time and 16 hours of elapsed time.

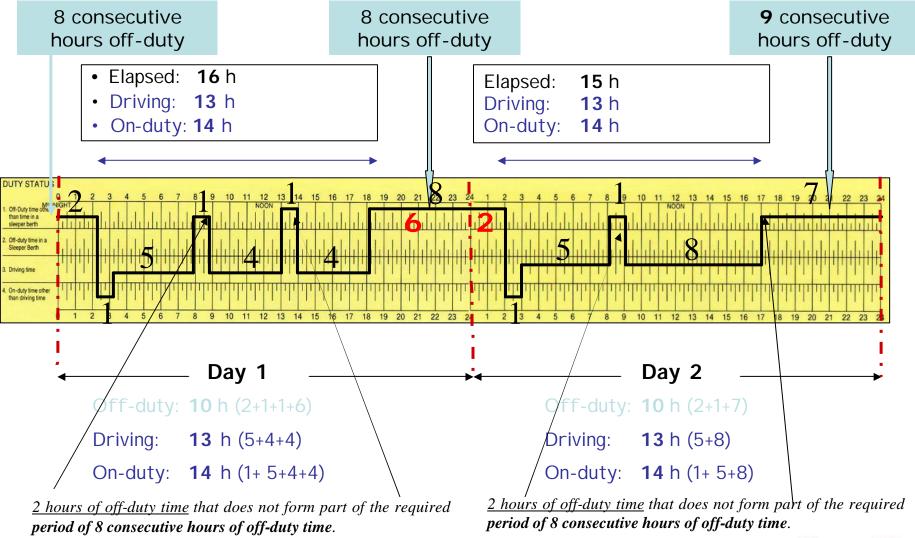




#### **Example**

#### Two Days Running Legal



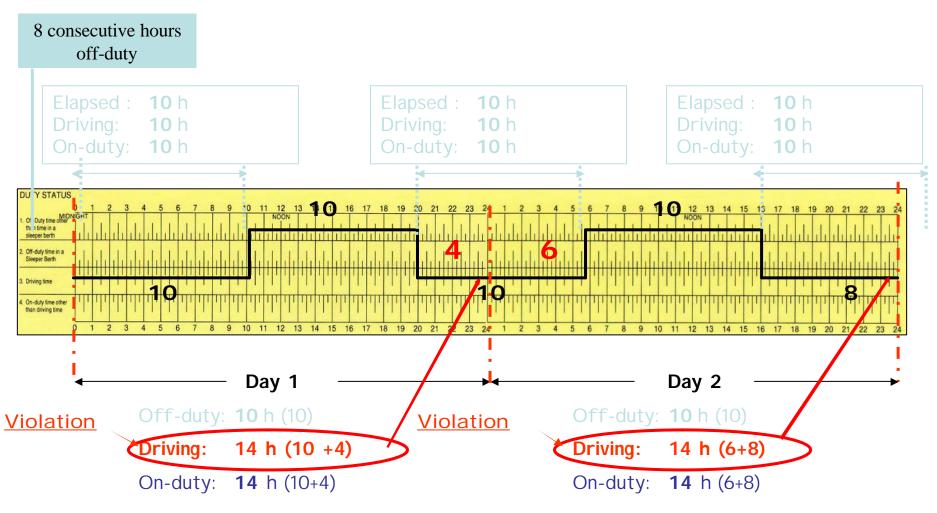


#### **Example**

#### Two Days Violation



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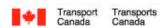


#### Deferral of Daily Off-duty Time

A driver may defer **a maximum of 2 hours** of the daily off-duty time **to the following day** if:

- ➤ The off-duty time deferred is **not part of the mandatory 8 consecutive hours of off-duty time**;
- $\triangleright$  The total off-duty time taken in the 2 days = **20 hours**;
- ➤ The off-duty time deferred is added to the 8 consecutive hours of off-duty time taken in the second day;
- ➤ The **total driving time** in the 2 days does not exceed **26 hours**;





#### Deferral (cont.)



The **2 hours deferred** may be converted, in **day 1**, to driving or working time :

Maximum 15 hours of driving or 16 hours of work for this day.

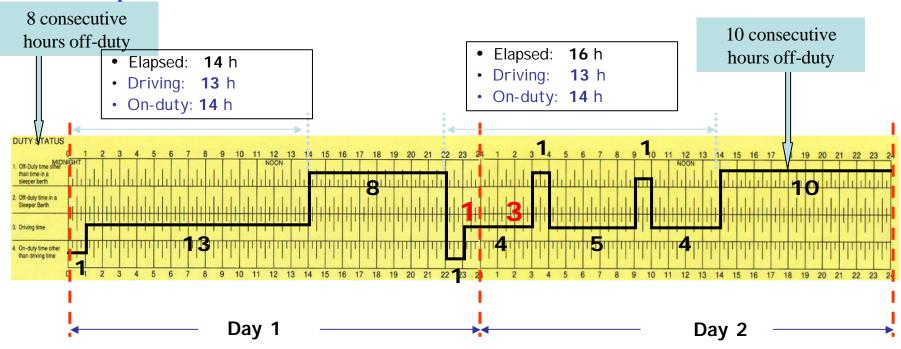
The rules for the 16-hour window continue to apply: a driver may NOT drive after 13 hours of driving, 14 hours of on-duty time and 16-hour elapsed time.



#### **Example**

#### **Deferral**





Off-duty: 8 h

Driving: **14** h (13+1)

On-duty: **16** h (1+13+1+1)

Off-duty: **12** h (1+1+10)

Driving: **12** h (3+5+4)

On-duty: **12** h (3+5+4)

#### **Total over 2 days:**

Off-duty:

**20** h (8+12)

Driving: **26** h (14+12)

On-duty; **28** h (16+12)





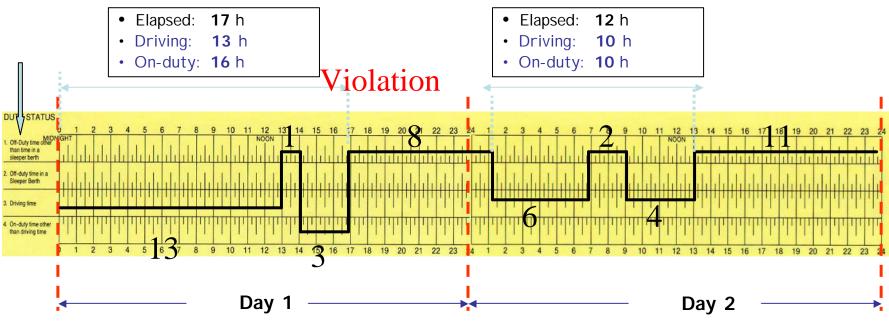




#### **Example**

#### **Deferral Violation**





Off-duty: 8 h )part of 8

Driving: 13 h On-duty: **16** h

(13+3)

Off-duty: **14** h (1 + 2+11)

Driving: **10** h (6+4)

On-duty: **10** h (6+4)

**Total over 2 days: 22** h (8+14) Off-duty:

> Driving: **23** h (13+10)

> On-duty; 26 h (16+10)











Comparison	Current Rule	New Proposed
The Day	23 Hours 15 On + 8 Off	24 Hours 14 On + 10 Off
Driving vs. On-Duty Time	13 Driving 15 On-duty	13 Driving 14 On-duty
Cycles	60/7 days 70/8 days 120/14 days	70/7 days 8 day cycle eliminated 120/14 days







Comparison	Current Rule	New Proposed
Cycle Reset	Not available	7 day-36 off 14 day-72 off
Cycle Switch	May switch anytime	7 day-36 off 14 day-72 off
Driver declare cycle operating under	Not required	Driver must record in log





Comparison	Current Rule	New Proposed
Sleeper Berth	2 periods, min 2 hours, total of 8	Single-2 periods, min of 2, total of 10
		Team-2 periods, min of 4 hours, total 8
Off-duty	8 cons. hours after 13 drive or 15 on- duty	8 cons. hours + 2 hours in min 30 min increments each day
Off-duty	8 before initial on- duty	8 before initial on- duty, total of 10 in day



Comparison	Current Rule	New Proposed
Permits	Reduce off-duty to 4 hours once in 7 days, twice in 7 days for bus	Reduce off-duty from 10 to 8 – core rest period protected
Permits	Increase driving time to 15 hours	Increase driving time to 15 hours
Permits	Increase on-duty to 18 hours	Increase on-duty to 16 hours











Comparison	Current Rule	New Proposed
Permits for research or pilot	Not available	Transport Canada may issue
OOS for driving time and on-duty violations	8 hours	10 hours
OOS for false log, more than 1 or not produce	8 hours	72 hours









Comparison	Current Rule	New Proposed
48-hour averaging	Not available	10 reduced to 8, add 2 to 8 next day, record in log
Day	Calendar day or designated by carrier	Designated by carrier, recorded by driver in log
Sleeper berth	Sleeping accommodation	Prescriptive - set out in schedule, based on US rule, bus and truck

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Comparison	Current Rule	New Proposed
Responsibility	Driver, carrier	Driver, carrier, shipper, consignee, other person
Mandatory off-duty time	Not required	Minimum 24 cons. hours off every 14 days
Off-duty time 120/14 cycle	24 hours after accumulating 75	24 hours after accumulating every 70 hours









Comparison	Current Rule	New Proposed
Logs	Retained 6 mos by carrier	Retained 6 mos by carrier
Logs	Driver produces for number of days in cycle, 7 or 14	Driver produces for 14 in all cases
Logs	Driver signs at start of on-duty time	Driver signs at end of day









#### **Future initiatives**

- ♣ Data collection, analysis and evaluation of regulations
- **4** Fatigue research:
  - Fatigue management technologies including electronic onboard recorders (EOBR's)
  - lifestyle changes (Fatigue Management Programs)
  - rest and recovery
- Safety Management System feasibility for carriers
- **4** Your thoughts?







#### **Questions?**

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