



## **IRP Full Reciprocity Plan (FRP) – The International Registration Plan (IRP) will undergo a dramatic change beginning in 2015.**

ITS Compliance, Inc. is excited to announce the news of the FRP plan moving into full effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. This plan is going to eliminate the need to add jurisdictions, while at the same time, also eliminate state trip permits for all carriers with units on an IRP account. Listed below you will find some detailed information regarding the Full Reciprocity Plan.

The Full Reciprocity Plan, or FRP, is a concept to change the International Registration Plan to grant full reciprocity for all apportioned vehicles in all member IRP jurisdictions.

The FRP follows the true intent of the Plan, which is to "grant reciprocity to apportioned fleets of vehicles" and to "promote and encourage the fullest possible use of the highway system". The unique feature of the Plan is that, even though apportionable fees are paid to the various Jurisdictions in which vehicles of a fleet are operated, the only plate and cab card issued for each fleet vehicle are...issued by the base jurisdiction. The Plan provides for payment of apportionable fees on the basis of the proportion of total distance operated in all jurisdictions by the fleet of which a vehicle is a part" (IRPonline.org, 1).

### ***Who will this affect and when?***

The effective date for your fleet depends on your fleet's IRP expiration date.

- New operations beginning January 1, 2015 or later will follow the new (FRP) rules upon initial registration
- Operations with December 2014 (and after) expiration, renewing for operation in 2015 will follow the new (FRP) rules
- Operations that expire November 2014 and prior will continue to use current (non-FRP) rules through their expiration date in 2015

### ***How will FRP work?***

Under the new system, cab-cards will show all jurisdictions

- No need to select jurisdictions where you intend to operate – you will have access to all jurisdictions
- IRP renewal fees will be charged based on the fleets reporting period distances – estimated distances will no longer apply on renewals



- New carriers without reporting history will pay fees based on their base jurisdictions estimated distance table
- No more "add state or province" during the registration year, as they will all be on your cab card
- If you have IRP, no more trip permits

### ***FRP Overview***

All IRP states and provinces will be implementing FRP. The FRP proposal provides that once fees are paid to the base jurisdiction, the registrant's cab card would reflect all member jurisdictions at the proper registered weight. The registrant's apportioned vehicles would then be authorized to travel in **any** IRP jurisdiction during the license year. The FRP would eliminate estimated distance for renewing fleets; however, new fleets would be required to utilize the base jurisdiction's estimated distance chart as a sole means of determining first year operations as provided under Section 320 of the Plan.

### ***Benefits for Industry***

The elimination of estimated distance and second year estimates would have the following benefits for industry:

- Increased efficiency and operational flexibility for the movement of goods since all jurisdictions on cab cards
- Carriers able to transfer their vehicles from locations more efficiently
- Fewer permits required
- Considerable savings in plate fees as only paying actual on jurisdictions that have actual miles

### ***Recordkeeping under the new FRP***

Proper recordkeeping is a critical part of the reciprocity program. Not keeping proper records will result in heavy fines.

- You must maintain adequate trip records to substantiate your mileage.
- Mileage records need to be maintained for 5.5 years and be made available in an audit.
- **Record all miles** - It is your responsibility to maintain acceptable records of all interstate and intrastate vehicle movement for all of your apportionable vehicles.



**Mileage source document information** - An acceptable mileage source document (Trip Report) must contain the following information:

- Date of the trip
- Trip origin and destination
- Routes of travel – list the major highways used in each jurisdiction
- Beginning and ending odometer readings at each state line crossing and of the trip
- Total trip mileage and mileage totals by jurisdiction
- Identification number (VIN) or UNIT number of the power unit
- Registrant's name
- Driver's signature and/or name

\*Mileage produced by on-board computers are acceptable provided all of the required information is listed.

Long story short, you must follow IRP regulations even when FRP takes effect as carriers will continue to be subject to audits by their base jurisdiction.

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