

**To: All Registrants under the International Registration Plan (IRP)**

**Subject: Change of IRP Plan to Full Reciprocity Plan (FRP) Overview**

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I am writing to advise you of the changes to the International Registration Plan (IRP) that will come into effect on January 1, 2015 and how these changes will affect you as an IRP carrier.

The IRP will change to become a Full Reciprocity Plan (FRP). The FRP is designed to grant full reciprocity for all apportioned vehicles in all IRP member jurisdictions.

With the FRP, once fees are paid to the base jurisdiction, the registrant's cab card will reflect all member jurisdictions at the properly registered weight and travel will be permitted in all IRP jurisdictions. There will be no requirement to add jurisdictions throughout the registration year and carriers will not be required to purchase trip permits

**Please Note:** Carriers are encouraged to check with individual jurisdictions to determine if additional fees or authorities are required for operation in that particular jurisdiction. Further information on jurisdictional requirements can be found online at: [www.irponline.org](http://www.irponline.org).

Existing IRP Carriers:

Upon renewal, registration fees will be based on the actual distance of the fleet for the reporting period and estimating distance will no longer be necessary. The only exception will be if the fleet did not accumulate any distance in any IRP jurisdiction during the reporting period. Under this circumstance fees will be calculated using the Newfoundland & Labrador Average per Vehicle Distance Chart.

If your fleet registration expires in January 2015 or later, the renewal is subject to the FRP, even if the fleet is renewed in 2014.

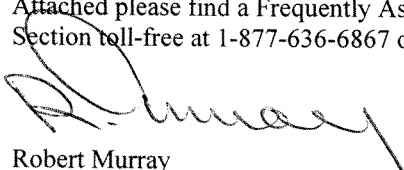
Registrants with a registration year that begins December 2014 or earlier will be subject to the provisions of the current IRP until the fleet is renewed in 2015.

Since FRP reduces the need for multiple fleets, carriers may wish to consider consolidating fleets. Benefits of FRP includes: fewer fleets to manage, greater operational flexibility on the use of vehicles and movement of goods and aligns IRP and IFTA fleets for easier reporting.

New Carriers

New carriers will pay registration fees to all jurisdictions (both Canadian and U.S.) based on the Newfoundland & Labrador Average per Vehicle Distance Chart.

Attached please find a Frequently Asked Questions Fact Sheet. For more information please contact the IRP Section toll-free at 1-877-636-6867 or by email at: [nsc@gov.nl.ca](mailto:nsc@gov.nl.ca).



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## Full Reciprocity Plan (FRP) Frequently Asked Questions:

### **1. What is the Full Reciprocity Plan?**

The FRP is designed to change the International Registration Plan to grant full reciprocity for all apportioned vehicles in all IRP member jurisdictions. The FRP provides that once fees are paid to the base jurisdiction, the registrant's cab card will reflect all member jurisdictions at the proper registered weight.

### **2. When will FRP become effective?**

The FRP will become effective on January 1, 2015

### **3. How will fees under the new plan be calculated?**

Under FRP, all jurisdictions will be listed on the cab card and operation will be permitted in all IRP jurisdictions. The carrier will only pay fees in the jurisdictions in which they actually travelled for the reporting period. The current practice of distance estimating will be eliminated.

### **4. If I am currently registered under IRP and my registration year begins on or after January 1, 2015, how will fees be calculated if I choose to renew my fleet before January 1, 2015?**

All registrants whose registration year begins on or after January 1, 2015 will be subject to the FRP, even if renewed prior to January 1, 2015. Carriers who renew their fleet/s after January 1, 2015 will continue to pay fees only in the jurisdictions in which they actually travelled for the reporting period. Until the fleet/s is renewed, there will still be a requirement to add jurisdictions or purchase trip permits for those jurisdictions that are not listed on the cab card.

### **5. If my registration year begins prior to January 1, 2015, and I renew before January 1, 2015, what rules am I subject to?**

Registrants with a fleet registration year that begins prior to January 1, 2015 will be subject to the provisions of the current Plan, until the fleet is renewed. The cab card will display only those jurisdictions specifically requested by the carrier and where fees have been paid.

### **6. How will fees be calculated if I had no actual distance in a specific jurisdiction?**

Registration fees will be applied to new fleets or fleet renewals determined by calculating all jurisdictions based on the Newfoundland & Labrador Average per Vehicle Distance chart.

### **7. What is the Average per Vehicle Distance Chart and how often is it updated?**

The chart is based on the average distance reported for all jurisdictions (Canadian and U.S.) by fleets registered in Newfoundland & Labrador and is updated by March 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year.

### **8. Can a new fleet use a combination of actual and estimated distances?**

No, new fleets will be subject to the fees for all jurisdictions based on the average per Vehicle Distance chart.

### **9. If at the end of the reporting period, there is only actual distance accumulated in one jurisdiction, am I subject to 100% of the fees for that jurisdiction only?**

Yes, the carrier would be charged the fees for actual travel in that jurisdiction only.

**10. For jurisdictions where there has been no actual travel and no fees collected, how will weights be displayed on the cab card?**

The Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) will be displayed on the cab card for every jurisdiction, regardless whether or not fees were collected.

**11. Under FRP, how do I increase registered weight for a jurisdiction during a registration year?**

Fees for an increase in weight will be calculated only for jurisdictions in which the Carrier had reported actual distance. If no actual distance was reported, then no registration fees will be collected, until the fleet accumulates distance in the jurisdiction.

**12. If I operate only in Canada, will it be necessary for me to obtain a US DOT number for all jurisdictions displayed on the cab card?**

No, even though U.S. jurisdictions will be listed on the cab card, a carrier may choose not to operate in the U.S. (Carriers are encouraged to check with individual states prior to travelling in the jurisdiction). Further information on jurisdictional requirements can be found online at: [www.irponline.org](http://www.irponline.org).

**13. If I operate vehicles in both Canada and the United States (U.S.), how do I pay fees for the U.S. jurisdictions?**

You are required to pay in Canadian for registration in Canada and in American money for registration in U.S. states. U.S. fees may be paid by American Cash, bank draft or cheque made payable to the NL Exchequer Account and Canadian fees by cash, credit card or cheque made payable to the NL Exchequer Account.

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