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Transport Canada Proposes Registration Fees Applicable to Container Reconditioners, Manufacturers and Others

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FMCSA Proposes Fee Reduction for Unified Carrier Registration

A. Transport Canada Proposes Registration Fee

Transport Canada has issued a proposed order in the Canada Gazette that would impose new fees on companies that manufacture, recondition, design, requalify or repair “Means of Containment” (MOC) used for the transport of dangerous goods.

The proposal, [“Order Fixing Fees for Registrations Related to Dangerous Goods Means of Containments \(MOCs\)”](#) was published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part 1 (CGI) on March 25, 2023. The 60-day comment period that concludes on May 24, 2023.

Briefly, the proposal would impose a registration fee on operators of “containment facilities” (e.g. drum or IBC reconditioners/manufacturers) of \$1,700 for the initial registration and annually thereafter. “Service providers” would also pay the \$1,700 fee, while “design engineers” would pay \$808 annually. Note: The fee is in Canadian Dollars: \$1.00 Canadian = \$0.74 U.S.)

The order would extend to design engineers who design MOCs, as well as to service providers who review designs of MOCs, inspect MOCs and provide training to companies who conduct MOC activities. As yet, it is unclear if these multiple fees might apply to a single company performing several of the covered tasks.

RIPA will be working with affected members and Transport Canada to clarify the scope of the proposal and will submit comments in advance of the comment deadline.

B. FMCSA Proposes Fee Reduction for Unified Carrier Registration.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has [proposed](#) reducing the annual registration fees States collect from motor carriers, motor private carriers of property, brokers, freight forwarders, and leasing companies for the Unified Carrier Registration Plan for the 2024 registration year and subsequent registration years.

The fees for the 2024 registration year would be reduced below the fees for 2023 by approximately 9 percent overall, with varying reductions between \$4 and \$3,453 per entity, depending on the applicable fee bracket.

By federal law, the total revenue collected under the UCR Plan is capped; if collections exceed the cap, then the FMCSA must reduce the fees accordingly. The fees proposed for the 2024 registration year and thereafter would be as follows:

PROPOSED FEES UNDER THE UCR PLAN FOR REGISTRATION YEAR 2024

No. of Commercial Motor Vehicles	Fees
0-2	\$37
3-5	\$111
6-20	\$221
21-100	\$761
101-1,000	\$3,670
1,001 and above	\$35,836

If you have any questions about either of these matters, please call the association.