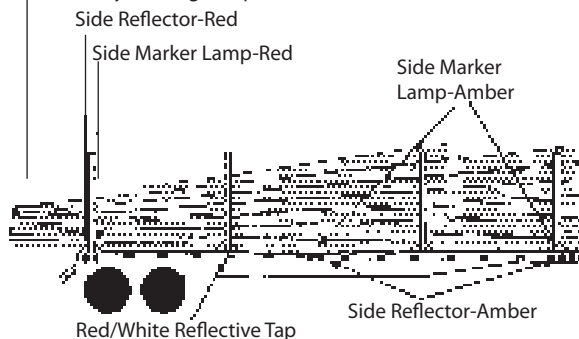


Load Securement: Loads must be secured in accordance with revised regulations effective August 1, 2004. See Fact Sheet #014.

Reflective tape: Trailers must be equipped with red and white reflective tape on both sides and across the rear as follows:

- Along each side, as evenly spaced as possible, tape which totals half the length of the trailer (In other words, a 48-foot trailer must have 24 feet of tape along each side)
- A continuous strip across the rear bumper the full width of the vehicle; and,
- A continuous strip at or near the top of the rear frame of the vehicle, running the full width of the frame.

Projecting Load Lamp-Amber Strobe Lamp or BOTH Amber strobe and Red Steady Burning Lamp



Projecting Load Lighting: All trucks and trailers (regardless of weight) carrying trees, poles, or posts which extend more than four feet beyond the frame, shall be equipped with an amber strobe lamp at the rear of the load. Note: Interstate carriers must also have a red lamp meeting the requirements of 49 CFR Part 393.11

Flags on Projecting Loads: Any CMV transporting a load which extends beyond the sides by more than 4 inches or more than 4 feet beyond the rear must have the extremities of the load marked with red or orange fluorescent warning flags. Each flag must be at least 18 inches square.

There must be a single flag at the extreme rear if the projecting load is two feet wide or less. Two warning flags are required if the projecting load is wider than two feet. Flags must be located to indicate maximum width of loads which extend beyond the sides and/or rear of the vehicle. Flags may be made either partially or completely of a retro reflective material. 4-393.87



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Georgia Forest Products Trucking Rules

The Georgia Forest Products Trucking Rules are the minimum safety and operational rules promulgated by the State of Georgia for certain commercial motor vehicle operations engaged in the transportation of unmanufactured forest products.



“Unmanufactured forest product” means: Unmachined logs, unmachined posts, pulpwood, wood chips, bark, saw-mill waste, stumps, and pine straw. It does not include forest management equipment (skidders, bulldozers, etc.) or diesel fuel used to support such equipment.

Interstate Carriers: Carriers who transport products across state lines must fully comply with the Federal and State Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for all vehicles 10,001 lbs. Gross Vehicle Weight Rating or over.

Intrastate Carriers: Carriers who stay solely within the State of Georgia, and who transport unmanufactured forest products on vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of 44,000 lbs. or more must comply with the Georgia Forest Products Trucking Rules.

Intrastate Carrier Requirements

Driver Requirements

License: The driver must possess a valid Commercial Driver’s License for the type and configuration of vehicle driven.

Physical Exam: The driver must pass a physical exam at least every two years, and possess a copy of the medical exam certificate while driving.

Hours-of-Service: Intrastate forest products drivers are not subject to the hours of service regulations, but drivers who also carry other freight or also drive in interstate commerce must count their intrastate forestry hours.

Note: Interstate drivers are fully subject to the hours-of-service regulations.

Carrier Requirements

Driver Files: Carriers must maintain a driver file for each driver which includes:

Copy of the driver’s CDL;

An annual driver record (MVR) for the driver;

Copy of the medical waiver, Skill performance Exam, or exemption.

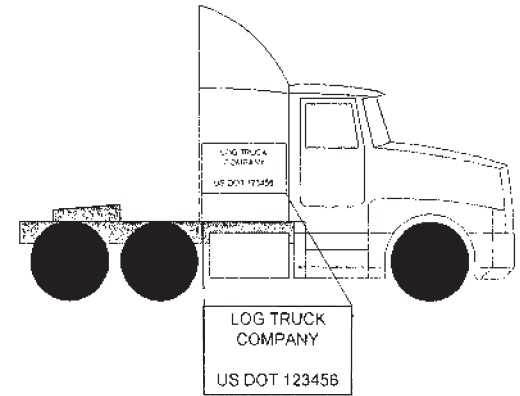
Note: Interstate driver qualification files must fully comply with 49 CFR Part 391

Drug and Alcohol Testing: In addition, the carrier (both interstate and intrastate) must establish a drug and alcohol testing program that meets the requirements of Federal regulation.

US DOT Number: The carrier must obtain a US DOT Number, either from the Georgia Department of Revenue, or via the internet at <http://safer.fmcsa.dot.gov>. Carriers must update their US DOT Number filings every two years.

Vehicle Files: Carriers must maintain vehicle files and maintenance records for each vehicle. The vehicle file must include company number (if so marked), make, year, model, serial number, tire size, repair and maintenance records and a way to indicate inspection and maintenance due dates.

Vehicle Requirements



Marking: Power units (trucks and tractors) must be marked on both sides with the name of the company and the US DOT Number. The City and State are no longer required.

The Name and DOT Number marking must be in letters that contrast with the background, and visible from 50 feet under normal daylight conditions. In general, letters need to be about 2” high to meet this requirement.

Annual Inspection: Each vehicle (including trailers) must undergo an annual inspection in accordance with 49 CFR §393.17. Proof of annual inspection must be on board the vehicle, either a copy of the inspection report itself, or a decal with the following information:

- Date of inspection; name and address of the motor carrier or other entity where the inspection report is maintained;
- Information uniquely identifying the vehicle inspected if not clearly marked on the motor vehicle; and
- A certification that the vehicle has passed an inspection in accordance with §396.17