Immediate Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (VFPA) requirements

TLS container trucks environmental requirements updates

If you have a 2007 truck with a 2006 engine (2007/2006 truck) that does NOT have a diesel oxidization catalyst (DOC) installed, please note the following for continued port access:

1) **To continue port access after AUGUST 1, 2016:**
   a. Install an approvable DOC (see TLS truck environmental requirements),
   b. Submit a complete, approvable age exception application to TLS@portvancouver.com by August 1, 2016 (attached)
   
   **NOTE:** If you do not meet the August 1, 2016 deadline, your truck will be suspended and you will be unable to access port lands.

2) **To regain access to the port after a suspension as a result of not meeting the August 1, 2016 deadline:**
   a. Install an approvable DOC (see TLS truck environmental requirements),
   b. Submit an approvable age exception application by September 30, 2016.
   
   **NOTE:** You will be granted access again upon approval of the age exception application. However, if you do not meet the September 30, 2016 deadline, your truck will be permanently deactivated with no option to return to TLS:

   OR

3) You can replace your 2007/2006 truck with a 2010 or newer truck, by notifying VFPA.

By July 20, 2016, and for all 2007 trucks (with 2006 engines and 2007 engines), we request that you:

1) Complete the “2007 Truck Inventory” form provided to you.
2) Take photos of each 2007 truck’s engine name plate
3) Rename the picture file (i.e., jpg, jpeg, etc.) to the last five or six numbers of the associated truck’s V.I.N.
4) Send all photos and completed form to TLS@portvancouver.com by no later than July 20, 2016. You may .zip the files.

What is the difference between a 2007 truck with a 2006 engine and a 2007 truck with a 2007 engine?

The combination of a 2007 truck with a 2007 engine and exhaust system has a diesel particulate filter (DPF) installed by manufacturers (factory-installed) on the truck, which lowers particulate matter emissions by 85-90 per cent.
A 2007 truck with a 2006 engine and exhaust system ("2007/2006 trucks") does not have an emission reduction measure (ERM) factory-installed on the truck. These trucks have no mechanism installed to lower particulate matter emissions from the truck.

**What do 2007/2006 truck owners need to do by August 1, 2016?**

The VFPA Container Truck Environmental Requirements have been in place since 2008.

In 2008, the environmental requirements announced that, by 2017, container trucks looking for approval for access to port property needed to be 2007 compliant; specifically, they needed to meet 2007 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency emission standards. In simplest terms, diesel trucks required a fully-functioning DPF.

On April 6, 2016, VFPA announced a concession to the environmental requirements for 2007/2006 trucks. These trucks would be considered compliant 2007 trucks if a diesel oxidation catalyst (DOC) is installed, and the required approvable VFPA age exception application is submitted by August 1, 2016. This concession would result in 2007/2006 trucks that did not provide the required documentation to be permanently deactivated from TLS with no option to return.

**What is the change to the April 6 concession decision?**

Today, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is amending the April 6, 2016 concession.

2007/2006 trucks must still install an approvable DOC (see [TLS truck environmental requirements](#)) and submit required documentation by August 1, 2016 if they want uninterrupted access to port property after that date.

If you have not submitted the required documents by August 1, 2016, the truck will not be permanently deactivated, but instead will be suspended (i.e., cannot access the port) until required installation of DOC and submitted documentation is approved by VFPA. **Truck owners will now have until September 30, 2016 to submit required documentation.**

Access will be granted upon approval of the age exception application.

After September 30, 2016, any remaining suspended 2007/2006 trucks with no approvable age exception application submitted will be permanently deactivated and will not be eligible for re-approval in TLS.

**How do I advise the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority that all trucks in my fleet comply?**

Relying on the respectful, commercial relationship of trust between the TLS Program trucking companies and the port authority, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority requires all access agreement holders to confirm that the 2007 trucks in your fleet have:

1. a 2006 engine (i.e. requires a DOC by August 1, 2016, if it does not have one already), or
2. a 2007 engine with a factory-installed DPF.

Please complete the form, and submit to [TLS@portvancouver.com](mailto:TLS@portvancouver.com) with required photos by July 20, 2016.

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