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FMCSA Medical compliance-Class 5 drivers operating commercially in U.S.:

To Whom It May Concern:

ICBC has been advised that **on Monday October 19, 2015,** the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) issued a notice to U.S. law enforcement agencies reminding them of the requirements for drivers who drive commercially in the U.S.

B.C. residents with a Class 5 driver's license operating two-axle vehicles over 10,000 lbs.
(4,536 kg) for commercial purposes in the U.S. are required to meet FMCSA commercial medical standards. To comply with US law, it is recommended that these drivers:

- Upgrade to a commercial class driver's license to meet U.S. commercial medical requirements, or;

- Make an appointment with a medical examiner licensed in the U.S. to complete an examination for the purpose of obtaining a commercial driver medical card that can be carried with their Class 5 driver's license while operating in the U.S. Visit https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov/ for a list of certified medical examiners.

Notes:

- U.S. law enforcement recognizes BC Class 1-4 drivers as being medically screened and compliant with their commercial medical standards.

- FMCSA has advised that a Class 5 DL with an endorsement code 18, 19 or 20 is in compliance; however U.S. Law enforcement may be unaware of the medical screening component to these endorsements which is why ICBC is recommending a B.C. driver upgrade to a commercial class DL.

Important!

Although U.S. law enforcement are encouraged not to issue a violation prior to April 01, 2016 and only cite the violation on an inspection report, they still have discretion to issue tickets before that date.

For more information, visit https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/

Yours truly,

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