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Program Update

Minnesota Mandatory Inspection Program

Effective August 1, 2014, a covered farm vehicle is not required to be inspected and is not required to display an annual inspection decal. Certified inspectors may conduct an inspection and affix a decal if requested by the owner of a covered farm vehicle.

Covered farm vehicle (CFV) means a single unit or articulated commercial motor vehicle that:

- Includes a power unit that displays a Minnesota farm license plate or self-designation form*,
- Is operated by a farmer, or a family member or employee of the farmer,
- Transports agricultural commodities, livestock, machinery or supplies to or from a farm,
- Is not used in for-hire carrier operations,
- Does not transport hazardous materials in a quantity requiring the vehicle to display placards;
- When the gross vehicle weight (GVW) is 26,001 pounds or less, is operated anywhere in the United States;
- When the GVW is greater than 26,001 pounds, is operated wholly within its state of registry; or when crossing state lines, is operated within 150 miles of the farm.

*The owner of a power unit that displays Minnesota Y-class, Apportioned or Passenger class license plates but otherwise meets all of the qualifications for a covered farm vehicle may complete a covered farm vehicle self-designation form and carry the completed form in the vehicle. If a vehicle does not have farm license plates or a completed self-designation form, an inspection and decal are required. The self-designation form is available under the Commercial Vehicles tab at msp.dps.mn.gov. A copy of the form is attached for your reference.

Vehicles that legally display farm license plates, but do not meet the covered farm vehicle qualifications, must be inspected and display a decal. This includes vehicles used in the transportation of forest products and single unit bulk milk transports.



DESIGNATION AS A MINNESOTA COVERED FARM VEHICLE

The undersigned designates the following vehicle as a "covered farm vehicle", as defined in Section 32934 of Pub.L. 112-141, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and 49 CFR 390.5.

Vehicle _____
Year Make Model Vehicle Identification Number

Owner Name: _____

Owner Address: _____
Street City State ZIP

Signature- Owner | Authorized Representative _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____

Title (if applicable) _____

NOTE: This designation is effective only when the vehicle is being operated within the scope of Section 32934 of Pub. L. 112-141 and 49 CFR 390.5. Designation must be carried in the power unit of the vehicle during all covered operations. Before operating in states other than Minnesota, consult those states to determine whether they will recognize the covered farm vehicle exemptions.

Covered farm vehicles and drivers are exempt from federal regulations regarding:

- Controlled Substances and Alcohol Use and Testing (49 CFR § 382)
- Commercial Driver's License Standards; Requirements and Penalties (49 CFR § 383)
- Physical Qualifications and Examinations (49 CFR § 391, Subpart E)
- Hours of Service regulations (49 CFR § 395)
- Inspection, Repair and Maintenance regulations (49 CFR § 396)

Covered farm vehicles and drivers must comply with federal regulations and state laws regarding:

- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations; General (49 CFR § 390)
- Driving of Commercial Motor Vehicles (49 CFR § 392)
- Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation (49 CFR § 393)
- All state motor vehicle size and weight, safety, and operation laws.

A covered farm vehicle is a commercial motor vehicle that:

- a. Is operated by a farm or ranch owner or operator, or an employee or family member of the farm or ranch owner or operator;
- b. Is being used to transport to or from a farm or ranch:
 1. Agricultural commodities
 2. Livestock
 3. Machinery or supplies;
- c. Displays a special license plate or other designation which helps enforcement personnel identify it as a covered farm vehicle; and
- d. Has a gross vehicle weight of:
 1. 26,001 pounds or less and is traveling anywhere in the United States; or
 2. greater than 26,001 pounds and traveling anywhere within the state in which it is registered; or
 3. when crossing state lines, is greater than 26,001 pounds and operated within 150 air miles of the farm or ranch.

A covered farm vehicle does not include a vehicle that is operated by a for-hire carrier or a vehicle transporting hazardous materials in a quantity that requires the vehicle to display placards.

If you need information regarding the FMCSRs or Minnesota law governing the operation of CMVs, call the Minnesota State Patrol Information Line at 651-405-6196, or check our Website at msp.dps.mn.gov.