

CVSA's International Roadcheck Topics Rescheduled for Sept. 9-11

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A Virginia State Police officer performs a load securement inspection during a previous International Roadcheck event. This year's focus will be on driver requirements. (Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance)

The postponed International Roadcheck event has been rescheduled for Sept. 9-11, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance announced Aug. 10.

CVSA officials postponed the event in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Although the coronavirus pandemic understandably shifted priorities and personnel during the spring, the commercial motor vehicle law enforcement community has reasserted its focus on the roadside inspection program and enforcement duties,”

CVSA President Sgt. John Samis with the Delaware State Police said in a statement.

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“Jurisdictions are nearly back to their pre-pandemic capacity with a strengthened concentration on identifying and removing unfit vehicles and drivers from our roadways using federal safety standards and the out-of-service criteria.”

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International Roadcheck is a 72-hour stepped-up visibility inspection and enforcement initiative by CVSA-certified inspectors in Canada, Mexico and the U.S., conducting motor vehicle and driver inspections at weigh or inspection stations, designated fixed locations or as part of roving mobile patrols.

During the three-day time frame, law enforcement personnel inspect commercial motor vehicles for compliance with federal regulations and utilize the North

American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria to identify critical inspection item violations.

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Each year, International Roadcheck places special emphasis on a category of violations. This year's component of a roadside inspection. Of the approximately 1.5 million inspections conducted during 2019, 952,938 driver violations were identified, resulting in 1,100,000 out-of-service conditions.

For the driver portion of the inspection, the inspector will collect a driver's license, identify the motor carrier, examine the driver's logbook, and review periodic inspection reports. If the driver is found to be out of service, the Medical Examiner's

Certificate, Skill Performance Evaluation Certificate and the driver's daily vehicle inspection report. Inspectors also will check drivers for seat belt usage, illness, fatigue, and apparent alcohol or drug possession or impairment.

Drivers found to be operating without the proper driver credentials, in possession of or under the influence of drugs or alcohol, operating while ill, fatigued or showing other signs of impairment, or in violation of hours-of-service rules may be placed out of service.

The vehicle portion of an inspection includes checking critical vehicle inspection items such as brake systems, cargo securement, coupling devices, drive-line/drive-shaft components, driver's seat (missing), exhaust systems, frames, fuel systems, lighting devices, steering mechanisms, suspensions, tires, van and open-top trailer bodies, wheels, rims and hubs, and windshield wipers.

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If an inspector identifies critical inspection item violations, the inspector will place the vehicle out of service, which will require it to



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standards are based on U.S. regulations, while in Mexico, vehicle regulations are based on Mexican standards. During International Roadcheck Standard Level I Inspections, there are two main inspection categories and an examination of vehicle mechanical fitness. A third category, hazardous materials/dangerous goods, may also be part of a Level I Inspection.	Transport Topics In the U.S., commercial motor vehicle inspections are conducted to check for vehicle and driver compliance with the Federal Motor Vehicle Regulations. In Canada, the regulations are based on provincial/territorial standards. In Mexico, the standards are based on Mexican regulations. The commercial motor vehicle regulations are based on Mexican standards. During International Roadcheck Standard Level I Inspections, there are two main inspection categories and an examination of vehicle mechanical fitness. A third category, hazardous materials/dangerous goods, may also be part of a Level I Inspection.



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