



October 30, 2006

To All Pilot Escort Drivers in the State of Arizona,

Reference: Arizona Department of Transportation  
Rule R17-6 Department of Transportation Over-Dimensional Permits  
R17-6-305 Escort Vehicles  
ATA – Arizona Trucking Association Website  
Escort Vehicle Operator Training and Certification Application

The Pilot Escort Driver Certification Rule noted above was enacted on September 21, 2006. Enforcement of this Certification/Training requirement will be in 120 days as noted in R17-6-305-b3b on or around January 19, 2007.

Rule R17-6-305-b3 States: Effective September 21, 2006, an escort vehicle operator is in compliance with subsection (B)(2), if the escort vehicle operator:

- a. Files an application with a program that meets the escort vehicle operator training and certification standards of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) or an equivalent program that meets the same objectives, whether in this state or another state; and
- b. Completes the training and certification program within 120 days of the date of application.

ATA has published an application form on the ATA website (<http://www.arizonatrucking.com/>) that states:

Escort vehicle operators must now be trained and certified in a safety class under legislation (Senate Bill 1218) enacted during the 2006 session. The Motor Vehicle Division has posted rules governing the training and certification of pilot-car operators that escort over-dimensional, permitted loads. ATA, the authorized training entity, is the initial “Point of Entry” for operators into the certification program. Operators must download and file this application with ATA, be able to show proof to enforcement officers that they have applied for certification, and then complete the training in a timely manner. After a transition period, enforcement agencies will begin issuing warnings to any escort vehicle operator who has not applied for certification.

The statement noted above by ATA is misleading, leaving one to believe that a person must make application to ATA to be in compliance with the Arizona Law.

As noted above in R17-6-305-b3, if you hold a certification from another State that currently has a program that meets the FHWA, CVSA & SC&RA Pilot/Escort Driver Best Practices Guideline, then you already comply with this “NEW” Arizona Law. The States that currently have Certification programs that meets these guidelines are: North Carolina, Florida, Oklahoma, Utah and Washington State.

Please, “DO NOT” complete an application to ATA and send the \$25.00 that is noted to accompany the application – it will be a waste of your money if you have any of the above Certifications.

Sincerely,  
The Board of Directors of PEVOA

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