



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Federal Annual Inspection Requirements

This is a friendly reminder that under section 14-163c of the Connecticut General Statutes, owners of the vehicles listed below are required to undergo annual inspections in accordance with 49 CFR §§396.17, and are required to maintain records of those inspections that conform to 49 CFR §396.21.

1. All commercial vehicles over 10,000 pounds Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) used in interstate commerce or over 18,000 lbs. GVWR used in intrastate commerce;
2. Commercial trailers over 10,000 lbs. GVWR;
3. Vehicles that are designed or used to transport more than eight (8) passengers, including the driver, for compensation;
4. Vehicles that are designed or used to transport more than 15 passengers, including the driver, not for compensation; and
5. Any vehicle transporting hazardous materials requiring placarding.

The Motor Transport Association of Connecticut and the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles agree that it is the responsibility of motor carriers to comply with state and federal law regarding annual inspections once they place into service any vehicle described above. The federal regulation cited below describes the annual inspection report's required contents, and how it is to be used and maintained.

§396.21 Periodic inspection recordkeeping requirements.

(a) The qualified inspector performing the inspection shall prepare a report that:

- (1) Identifies the individual performing the inspection;
- (2) Identifies the motor carrier operating the vehicle or intermodal equipment provider intending to interchange the vehicle to a motor carrier;
- (3) Identifies the date of the inspection;
- (4) Identifies the vehicle inspected;
- (5) Identifies the vehicle components inspected and describes the results of the inspection, including the identification of those components not meeting the minimum standards set forth in appendix G to this subchapter; and
- (6) Certifies the accuracy and completeness of the inspection as complying with all the requirements of this section.

(b)(1) The original or a copy of the inspection report shall be retained by the motor carrier, intermodal equipment provider, or other entity that is responsible for the inspection for a period of fourteen months from the date of the inspection report. The original or a copy of the inspection report must be retained where the vehicle is either housed or maintained.

(2) The original or a copy of the inspection report must be available for inspection upon demand of an authorized Federal, State or local official.

(3) *Exception.* If the motor carrier operating the commercial motor vehicles did not perform the commercial motor vehicle's last annual inspection, or if an intermodal equipment provider did not itself perform the annual inspection on equipment intended for interchange to a motor carrier, the motor carrier or intermodal equipment provider is responsible for obtaining the original or a copy of the last annual inspection report upon demand of an authorized Federal, State, or local official.