

National Safety Code
BULLETIN

Re: Interpretation of Definition of Oil Well Service Vehicle

The purpose of this Bulletin is to clarify definition for "Oil Well Service Vehicle" as defined in Division 37.01 of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations. Section 37.01 of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulation (MVAR) states:

- "Oil Well Service Vehicle"** as a "commercial motor vehicle that is
- (a) specially constructed, altered or equipped to accommodate a specific service requirement associated with the oil or natural gas industry, and
 - (b) used exclusively in the oil or natural gas industry for transporting equipment or materials to and from oil or natural gas facilities or for servicing and repairing oil or natural gas facilities;"

This definition is consistent with the federal definition, but for practical purposes, most equipment has the capacity to serve multiple applications. Vehicles which comply with this definition are eligible to operate under a 24 day cycle (must take 3 x 24 hours off duty every 24 days) according to Section 37.15.01 of the MVAR.

Clarification

Effective immediately, the word "facility" in the definition shall be interpreted to include an oil (or natural gas) well site or an oil well exploration site prior to development.

The definition of "oil well service vehicle" shall include any commercial vehicle which is used to develop, service or support oil well sites or oil well exploration site activities.

Application

A carrier is eligible for the 24 day cycle if operating a vehicle which complies with the above definition.

This is a temporary interpretation which will be in effect until such time as the jurisdictions agree upon the vehicles which are to be included with oil well service vehicles as being eligible for the 24 day cycle.

This is a revised interpretation of the definition **only**, and all other requirements of the regulation must be complied with.



Greg Gilks,
Director, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure