TRUCKING FOR-HIRE/SHIPPING OR FREIGHT HANDLING

(IN-STATE/LONG DISTANCE)

Before you start this checklist, please read Starting Your Business in Ohio

In-state trucking is also known as INTRASTATE trucking. Long distance truck services (traveling in and out of state) are also known as INTERSTATE trucking.

Checklist

- ☐ For more information, consult the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 4513. The ORC can be found at your local library or on-line at http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4513.

- ☐ Trucking companies must register with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's (PUCO) Motor Carrier Division. The registration forms are attached and can also be found on-line. For-Hire Motor Carrier Safety Rules can also be found on the PUCO web site at www.puco.ohio.gov. If you have questions about registration requirements, contact the Motor Carrier Division.

- ☐ If you will haul hazardous material, you must register with the Alliance for Uniform Hazmat Transportation. If you have questions, contact the PUCO. The PUCO's Motor Carrier Division can be reached at (800) 686-7826 or (614) 466-3392 and found on-line at www.puco.ohio.gov.

- ☐ If you will tow oversize loads, you will need a special hauling permit from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). Contact ODOT's main office at (614) 351-2300 or your ODOT District Office for more information. Permit and fee information can also be found at www.dot.state.oh.us/permits/.

- ☐ Trucks that travel outside of the state must have an Ohio International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) Account with the Ohio Department of Taxation. Forms are attached and can also be found at: http://www.tax.ohio.gov/excise/motor_fuel.aspx. If you have questions, contact the Ohio Department of Taxation's Fuel Use Tax Section can be reached at (888) 405-4039 or (614) 466-3410

- ☐ The Motor Fuel Tax is an excise tax applies to all dealers in motor vehicle fuel on the use, distribution, or sale within Ohio of fuel used to generate power for the operation of motor vehicles. Information can be found at the ORC on-line at http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/5735

- ☐ You need a commercial driver's license. Contact the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) at (614) 752-7500 for more information. The BMV is on-line at www.bmv.ohio.gov.

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THIS CHECKLIST IS ABOUT STATE REQUIREMENTS.

For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at www.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov
Also, remember to check local government agencies. This checklist is about state requirements.
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