

# In the Safety Zone™

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## International Road check June 6-8, 2017

June 6-8, 2017 marks the 30th annual International Road check conducted by The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) in Canada, the United States and Mexico during a 72-hour period. The goal of the inspection program is to ensure the safety of the driver and the vehicle being operated as well as the safety of others traveling on the roadways.

During The International Road check, CVSA-certified commercial motor vehicle inspectors will use a 37-step procedure that includes an examination of both driver operating requirements and vehicle mechanical fitness. Each year the inspectors place special emphasis on a category of violations. For the 2017 inspections, special emphasis will be on **cargo securement**.

Use the checklist below to ensure you are operating your vehicle safely and to prevent being cited and/or placed out of service for any violations during the 30th annual International Road check.

The **vehicle inspection** includes checking items such as:

- Cargo Securement** Tail boards and stake pockets are secured. Loads are not shifting or falling. Rear doors are closed properly. Load is properly blocked or braced. Tie down devices are proper for number size and condition and are not cracked or deformed.
- Brake systems** Are functioning and not loose. Brake parts are not contaminated or cracked. There are no air leaks. There is no slack adjuster damage. There is no ABS malfunctions and the low air pressure warning devices are working.
- Tires and Rims** Tires are properly inflated and free of cuts, bulges or tread wear. Rims are sure. Lug nuts are tight.
- Lighting** Mounting is secure. All bulbs are working.
- Suspension** Axles are properly aligned. There are no cracked or missing bolts or springs.
- Coupling Devices** There are no missing or damage parts on the fifth wheel. Locking mechanism are properly engaged. There is no visible space between the upper and lower fifth wheel plates.
- Fuel and Exhaust** All caps are secure. There are no signs of leaks. Exhaust system is properly mounted and secured.

For the **driver** portion of the examination, inspectors will be looking for the following:

- Driver's license
- Hours-of-service documentation
- Motor carrier registration
- Shipping documentation
- Fastened seat belt
- Alcohol and/or drug usage

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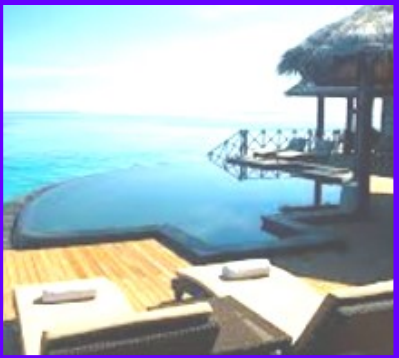
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