STATE OF CALIFORNIA - DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

INFORMATION BULLETIN



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ACCEPTANCE OF ELECTRONIC INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN CAB CARDS

The International Registration Plan (IRP) approved Ballot 412 which allows base jurisdictions to issue electronic cab cards to carriers that qualify for IRP registration. In order to promote consistency and support interstate commerce, Section 8000 of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) allows the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to enter into reciprocity agreements with foreign jurisdictions pertaining to registration requirements through the IRP. Consequently, the California Highway Patrol will accept electronic IRP cab cards in the possession of carriers. This does not conflict with or replace a carrier's ability to carry a valid paper IRP cab card.

Starting January 1, 2019, the DMV will provide IRP registration to carriers in an electronic image or paper format. The requirement to possess an electronic IRP cab card shall follow existing requirements for carrying paper IRP cab cards and shall be immediately available to an inspecting official upon request. Carriers not in possession of paper versions of IRP cab cards and unable to produce an electronic version due to cellular telephone coverage, electronic damage, or other reasons are deemed not in compliance when documentation is required. When appropriate, Section 4454 CVC can be used for enforcement when a driver does not have a cab card in their possession.

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