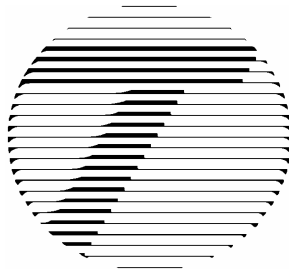


IMPORTANT NOTICE



NEW COMMERCIAL VEHICLE MARKING REQUIREMENTS

IF YOU OR YOUR COMPANY ALREADY HAS A USDOT # AND YOUR BUSINESS NAME AND USDOT # ARE DISPLAYED ON BOTH SIDES OF YOUR TRUCKS THIS NOTICE DOES NOT APPLY TO YOU.

If, however, you operate a commercial motor vehicle that carries property wholly within New York State with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 18,001 lbs. or more, and you don't already have a USDOT # you need to obtain one by July 5, 2005.

It's quick and painless and better yet, it's free. All you need to do is register online at <http://www.usdotnumberregistration.com>. All you'll need is a valid credit card (*no charge – the card is needed for an electronic signature*).

You can also call the New York State Department of Transportation at (866) 881-2630 and we can mail or fax you an application. Please visit New York State Department of Transportation's website (<http://www.dot.state.ny.us/ts/files/markingsregs100504.pdf>) for the new intrastate marking requirements.

Remember, for businesses operating wholly within New York State, you have until July 5, 2005 to display your business name and USDOT # on both sides of your trucks (GVWR of 18,001 lbs. or more). The lettering of your business name and USDOT # needs to contrast sharply with the background color and be readable from 50 feet.

Example: **NYSDOT Trucking**
 USDOT 123456 NY

For businesses operating wholly within New York State, you have until July 5, 2006 to display your business name and USDOT # on both sides of your trucks (GVWR between 10,001 lbs. and 18,000 lbs.).

Beginning July 5, 2006, this requirement will also apply to trucks with trailers that have a gross combination weight rating (GCWR) greater than 10,001 lbs.