



GCA Domestic Transportation Best Practices Initiative

ADDENDUM FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT FSMA SANITARY TRANSPORTATION OF HUMAN AND ANIMAL FOOD

Sanitary Transport Rule

The final rule on Sanitary Transport is now in effect for large over the road and rail providers of 500 employees or more. Final compliance for some exempt carriers under 500 employees is effective December of 2019. It is an outgrowth of the other rules under FSMA in an effort to assure safe food including safe food transport.

Compliance date: April 6, 2017 (large businesses over 500 persons)

Who is covered

Shippers, Receivers, Loaders and Carriers that transport food products in the United States by motor or rail. In the Green Coffee Trade this is the movement from the warehouse to warehouse or to the roaster.

What is covered

Vehicle and transport equipment (trailers) as well as handling equipment.

Design and maintenance thereof must ensure that the food product transported does not become unsafe.

Trailer must be sound. No leaks or odors from a previous shipment and no commodities such as hazardous materials that could have left a contamination element behind.

Transport Operations

Preventive measures must be taken to ensure food safety and basic sanitary practices. Trailer wash as needed for compliance, sweep clean, no dampness, mold or filth or other possible contaminants.

Training

Carrier personnel are aware of potential food safety problems and basic sanitary practices and dispatchers have completed a FSMA Certification course.

Records

Maintain shipper to carrier communications, written procedures and agreements for 12 months.

Warehouse/ Loader

Keep records on pre loading inspections either with a check list or photo records for each shipment. Maintain the records for 12 months.

Receiver/ Roaster

Upon receipt visually inspect the cargo for acceptable/ sanitary transport. Report any discrepancies to the carrier and loader as soon as possible. If buying ex warehouse have a written contract with the carrier.

Recommendations

Have a written contract with the carrier or broker to share the responsibility of sanitary transport. Have a written contract with the loader on the inspection process/ checklist prior to loading. Audit these records and procedures once a year. Ensure all carrier and brokers utilized are FSMA compliant and coordinators have Certifications.

Education, Compliance, Certification:

Rule Link: <https://www.fda.gov/food/guidance-regulation-food-and-dietary-supplements/food-safety-modernization-act-fsma>

<https://www.fda.gov/food/food-safety-modernization-act-fsma/fsma-training>

<https://www.aibonline.org/Training/Food-Safety-Quality/FSMA>

<https://www.foodsafetymagazine.com/categories/regulatory-category/fsma/>

<https://campaigns.sgs.com/en/usa/fsma-training>