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IFTA Commissioners:

Over the last month, in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19, we have seen unprecedented measures taken by our national leaders. This may be a time in our nation's history that will forever define who we are and how we collectively come together as group.

To date, many jurisdictions have already indicated they will be completely shut down for an indefinite amount of time and most other jurisdictions have instituted a work-from-home policy for the foreseeable future. Our industry stakeholders have also had similar constraints with a reduced workforce and other restrictions all of which will affect the ability to continue normal administrative functions with respect to the unencumbered processing of IFTA credentials.

The International Fuel Tax Agreement is a collective agreement between 58 member jurisdictions for the uniform administration of motor fuels use taxation laws. Each jurisdiction retains their sovereign authority to issue IFTA credentials within the rules established in our governing documents. IFTA credentials are issued under the authority of each State and Province. A global change to the due dates and other requirements for issuing IFTA decals, licenses, and trip permits would require a membership vote and lengthy timelines to obtain a membership vote according to our governing documents. Given the Federal National Emergency declaration, we must, as a collective group, work together to provide the necessary relief to both jurisdictions and industry in order to ensure that the flow of goods, including medical supplies, food, sanitary supplies and other items of necessity, required to defeat this worldwide crises continues without impediment.

An attempt to provide a universal collective membership response through a vote to change the governing documents would not provide the timely response that our jurisdictions and industry stakeholders demand in a time of national crises.

Many jurisdictions have already issued emergency declarations waiving various requirements for IFTA credentialing and we have posted these on our website and sent out notices to all jurisdiction representatives informing them so law enforcement in their jurisdictions are aware.

IFTA, Inc. is strongly encouraging every jurisdiction to issue their own emergency declaration to waive the requirements for enforcement of IFTA credentialing until June 30, 2020. The June 30th date will provide a consistent date that will be recommended by all similar supporting organizations (i.e. CVSA, UCR, IRP).

A collective and immediate response from all of our member jurisdictions will provide the needed support from us that our jurisdictions and industry representatives need during this critical time.

IFTA, Inc. has also issued a new Netting Calendar to provide relief from the requirements for the next couple of months for submitting transmittal data and the remittance of funds. It is the hope of the Board of Trustees that this new Netting Calendar will also be offered to carriers in each jurisdiction in an effort to provide some needed relief in filing returns and remitting payments. Please see a separate notice from IFTA, Inc and the Board of Trustees regarding the Netting Calendar.

Sincerely,



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