



Department of Motor Vehicles

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Albany, New York

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TO: All Enforcement Agencies and Magistrates

SUBJECT: DMV Regulation 56.3 - Use of Camera Monitoring Systems (CMS) on Commercial Motor Vehicles

DMV is exercising authority pursuant to Vehicle and Traffic Law §220 to allow the use of Camera Monitoring Systems (CMS) on commercial motor vehicles engaged in intra-state commerce under certain circumstances.

On December 21, 2018 the National Highway Traffic Safety Association (NHTSA) began issuing limited mirror exemptions for Camera Monitoring Systems (CMS) to be used on commercial motor vehicles engaged in interstate commerce at the federal level. These systems utilize digital cameras mounted on the sides of the vehicle to project continuous video to screens mounted to the A-pillar mounted inside the vehicle. The cameras are positioned in a way to show a view of the highway along each side of the vehicle with some added benefits.

The exemption has now been broadened to include commercial motor vehicles operated within NYS when the vehicle meets one or more of the following criteria:

- Has a vehicle weight, weight rating, gross combination weight, or gross combination weight rating exceeding 10,000 pounds.
- Is designed and used to transport over eight passengers (including the driver) and is doing so for compensation.
- Is designed and used to transport more than 15 passengers (including the driver) and is not receiving compensation.
- Is used to transport hazardous materials as defined in Title 49 by the Secretary of Transportation.

The following CMS are the only systems currently approved for use by the federal exemptions:

- Stoneridge - MirrorEye™ CM (exemption expires 2/12/2029).
- Rosco Vision Inc. - CV Digital CMS CV (Commercial Vehicle Digital Camera Monitor System) (exemption expires 12/4/2027).
- Vision Systems North America, Inc. - Smart-Vision (expires 9/17/2025)
- Bosch and Mekra Lang - Commercial Vehicle Digital Monitor System (expires 1/15/2025)

A copy of DMV's notice is attached for reference. DMV is also in the process of amending Part 56 of the Commissioner's Rules and Regulations to reflect this change.

Please share this information with appropriate staff. Thank you.

Mark J.F. Schroeder
Commissioner

Attachment

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor



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Effective immediately, pursuant to Section 220 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles hereby permits the installation and use of digital camera monitoring systems as an alternative to the mirror requirements of section 375.10(a) and 375.10(b) of the Vehicle and Traffic Law and is amending Part 56 of the Commissioner's Rules and Regulations. This exemption is limited to commercial vehicles that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Has a vehicle weight, weight rating, gross combination weight, or gross combination weight rating exceeding 10,001 pounds.
- Is designed and used to transport over eight passengers (including the driver) and is doing so for compensation.
- Is designed and used to transport more than 15 passengers (including the driver) and is not receiving compensation.
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and provided such digital camera monitoring system has received an exemption from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. This exemption is valid for the duration of the Federal Motor Carrier Administration exemption.

A copy of this letter must be kept in any vehicle so equipped and presented to law enforcement upon request during the pendency of the regulatory process.

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