FMCSA removes CSA data from public view in face of FAST Act.

Late last Friday (December 4th), the FMCSA announced that much of the CSA data that had been previously available on the agency’s website related to property carriers’ compliance and safety performance has been removed from public view. This move is in response to the highway bill (the Fast Act) that President Obama signed into law on Friday, which, among other things, calls for comprehensive reform to the FMCSA’s CSA program.

According to the FMCSA’s press release, the data will remain hidden from public view “while appropriate changes [to CSA] are made,” which is likely to take at least a couple of years. As discussed in a previous Transportation Law Alert, the Fast Act requires the FMCSA to engage the National Research Council to conduct a study of the CSA program’s methodology and how its BASICs predict or are correlated with future crash risk. The FMCSA must then submit a report of the study and a corrective action plan to the Inspector General who must certify, among other things, that the corrective action plan has been implemented.

Information on passenger carriers remains publicly available, and property carriers can continue to access their own information, as can law enforcement officials, by logging into their SMS accounts.

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