

ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 770-X-10
MOTOR CARRIER GENERAL ORDERS RULES AND REGULATIONS PAMPHLET NO.
2003

770-X-10-.03-2-.04 External Identification.

(1) All motor carriers who hold a certificate or a permit issued by this Commission, and who are not included in 770-X-10-3-2-.01(a) and 770-X-10-.03-2-.02(a) except common carriers of passengers in vehicles with a capacity of five passengers or less, shall display on each side of each power unit the following:

(a) The business name under which the certificate or permit was issued.

(b) The name of the city where the carrier's principal place of business in this state is located.

(c) "APSC Cert." followed by the carrier's certificate number if a common carrier; "APSC Permit" followed by the carrier's permit number, if a contract carrier only.

NOTE: Certificate numbers may be located within the cab of the vehicles of the carriers, in lieu of being placed on the outside of the vehicles.

(d) "APSC Reg. No." followed by the registration number issued by the Commission for that power unit.

All the above shall be legibly painted directly on the sides of the power unit, in a contrasting color in letters not less than 2 inches in size, provided that this information may be displayed by using self-adhesive signs or placards, but only if the signs or placards have been approved in writing by the Chief of the Enforcement Division, and provided that power units leased for a period of less than 30 days may display on a removable sign, placard, or device the information required in a, b, and c above. The removable sign, placard or device must be made of wood, metal, plastic or other durable material and not paper or cardboard, and must be securely fastened to the power unit. The required lettering and information shall not be placed on a fuel tank or on a portion of the vehicle designed principally to protect cargo. In addition to the above information, words, slogans, etc., may be placed on the sides of the power unit; provided, however, that no common carrier shall display any business, trade or fictitious name in larger lettering or more prominently than the business name under which the certificate was issued. No carrier shall

commence operations until such time as the above rules have been complied with.

(2)(a) Motor carriers that have operations in interstate commerce within the borders of Alabama, and operate under a certificate of public convenience and necessity and/or permit issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration or under a certificate or permit issued by this Commission and registered with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, shall comply with the regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration concerning external identification.

(b) Motor carriers that have operations in interstate commerce within the borders of Alabama and are exempt from the jurisdiction of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, but are not exempt under the Alabama Motor Carrier Act, shall display on each side of each power unit, in a contrasting color in letters not less than 2 inches in size, the carrier's business or trade name and the city and state where the carrier is based.

(3) All motor carriers described in 770-X-10-.03-2-.01(a) and 770-X-10-3-2-2-.02(a) who also hold a certificate or a permit issued by this Commission, except common carriers of passengers in vehicles with a capacity of five passengers or less shall, in addition to all other requirements, also display the letters "APSC" followed by the carrier's certificate or permit number, or one of them, on each side of each power unit operated in Alabama, in a contrasting color in at least 2-inch letters.

NOTE: Certificate numbers may be located within the cab of the vehicles of the carriers, in lieu of being placed on the outside of the vehicles.

(4) Registration numbers are obtained by submitting a completed Form B-2 and the statutory fee per vehicle to the Commission.

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