

Agricultural Hazardous Materials Transportation Endorsement

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Many questions have recently come in regarding the Agricultural Hazardous Materials Transportation Endorsement training and certification after attendees came to a class and took the certificate to their local Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) field office. DMV's have been informing people that they can not apply for the endorsement without going through the provisions listed under the USA PATRIOT ACT and Section 15250(b)(1) in the California Vehicle Code.

California Safety Training Corporation, after learning of the difficulties people have gone through to obtain/renew their endorsement, looked into this further, and contacted the California Highway Patrol's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement in Sacramento, CA.

Mr. Vince Curry of the California Highway Patrol Commercial Vehicle Section assisted California Safety Training Corporation in the quest to obtain further information from the Department of Motor Vehicles regarding the DL 267 certificate and the USA Patriot Act. On May 13, 2005 the DMV mailed a letter to many employers of Commercially Licensed Drivers with a Hazardous Materials Endorsement (HME). The letter outlined the process to obtain or renew a HME. The letter did NOT address California's Hazardous Materials Certificate (DL 267) in any manner. However, some DMV Field Offices have informed farm workers applying for the DL 267 that they are required to submit an application to TSA. The DL 267 is not an "endorsement" and therefore is exempt from the provisions of the USA PATRIOT ACT and Section 15250(b)(1) of the California Vehicle Code.

If anyone has attended the Agricultural Hazardous Materials Transportation Endorsement Training, and is having problems with their local DMV field office in regards to obtaining/renewing the endorsement on the Class C (NON COMMERCIAL) driver's license, please contact Sarah Forbus or Jennifer Vallejo with CSTC® at 661-847-8300 for further assistance.