

Alberta Transportation

Carrier Services Section

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The Carrier Services section of Alberta Transportation is responsible for the coordination and delivery of the National Safety Code (NSC) program in Alberta.

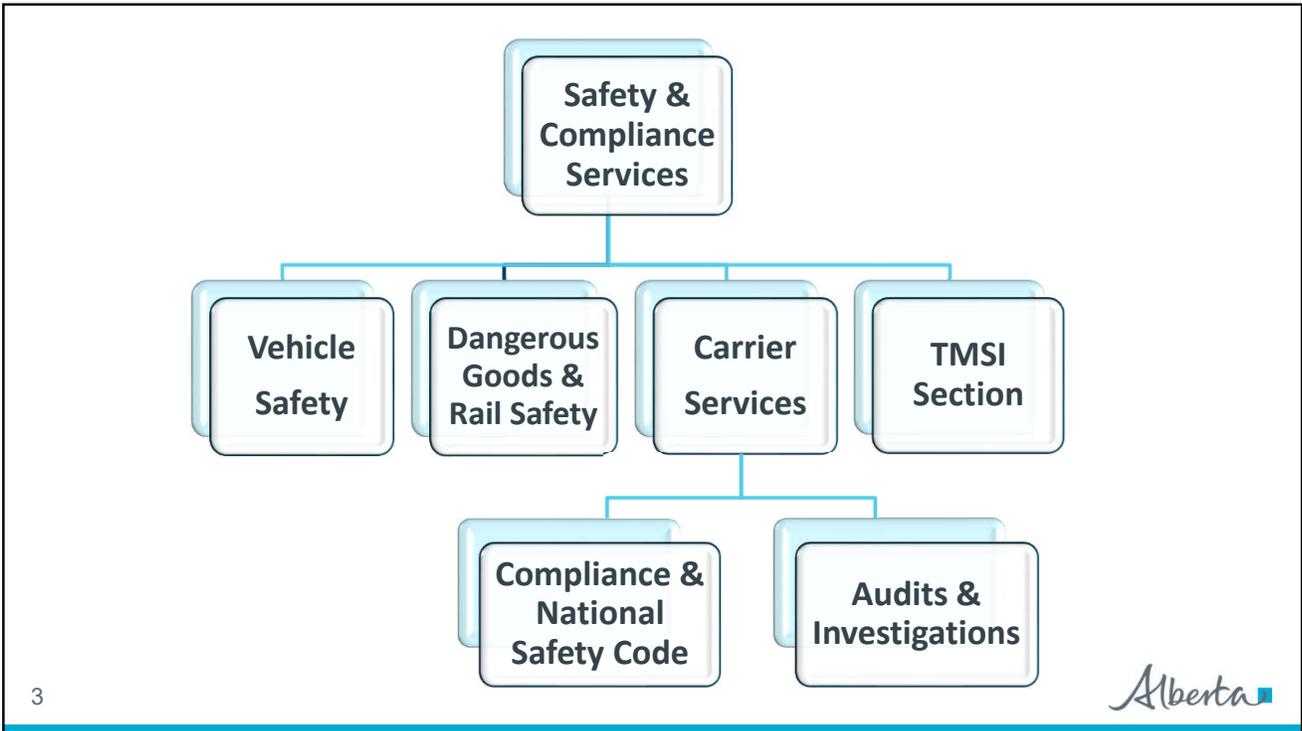
Our Mission

Work collaboratively with industry and enforcement partners to reduce the number and severity of collisions involving commercial vehicles.



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Alberta's NSC Carriers

There are 24,890 carriers operating 156,935 commercial trucks and buses.

Truck

23,147 carriers
137,329 vehicles

Bus

1,743 carriers
19,606 vehicles



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National Safety Code Program

There are 16 NSC standards, most of which are addressed within Alberta's *Traffic Safety Act* and associated regulations, primarily:

- *Commercial Vehicle Certificate and Insurance Regulation*
- *Drivers' Hours of Service Regulation*
- *Commercial Vehicle Safety Regulation*
- *Operator licensing and Vehicle Control Regulation*

Some standards are also enforced in Alberta via the *Motor Vehicle Transport Act* and associated regulations.

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National Safety Code Program

Of the 16 NSC Standards, Carrier Services is primarily responsible for:

- Standard 7 – Carrier and Driver Profiles
- Standard 9 – Hours of Service Regulations
- Standard 14 – Safety Ratings
- Standard 15 – Facility Audits

These standards are used to monitor the safety performance of commercial bus and truck carriers travelling on Alberta's highways.

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Investigations and Audits

Safety Program

- Does the carrier have one?
- Does it contain the necessary content?
- Is the carrier following their safety program?

Maintenance Program

- Does the carrier have one?
- Does it contain the necessary content?
- Is the carrier following their maintenance program?

Hours of Service

- Are the drivers adhering to hours of service rules?
- Is the carrier monitoring their drivers compliance?

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Highway 35 / 335 Armley, Saskatchewan

Friday April 6, 2018

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Investigation

At approximately 1700 hours on April 6, 2018 a motor coach transporting the Humboldt Broncos hockey team was involved in a collision with a commercial truck at the intersection of highway 35 and 335 near Armley, Saskatchewan.

On April 9, 2018 Alberta Transportation suspended the Safety Fitness Certificate of Adesh Deol Trucking Ltd., pending an investigation by the Carrier Services Section.

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Investigation

The investigation initiated by Alberta Transportation was conducted parallel to the criminal investigation led by the RCMP but it focused specifically on the carrier's compliance with provincial and federal commercial motor transport legislation in the days and months leading up to the collision, not the collision itself.

Upon conclusion of Alberta Transportation's investigation, it was determined Adesh Deol Trucking Ltd. was not operating in compliance with various transportation regulatory requirements between January 1, 2018 and March 31, 2018.

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Investigation

A summary of the violations found include:

- No evidence of driver training in required NSC subject areas
- Driver files were missing some required records
- Some vehicle files were missing required trip inspection reports and/or repair records
- An Hours of Service analysis found 106 of the 201 days examined had violations present
- Carrier was not properly following a safety/maintenance program

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Outcome

Alberta Transportation charged the owner of Adesh Deol Trucking Ltd. with 8 offences, including:

- 2 counts - Section 81(1) SOR/2005-313 - Fail to require every driver to fill out a daily log each day that accounts for all of the driver's on-duty time and off-duty time for that day.
- 2 counts - Section 86(1) SOR/2005-313 - Require or allow a driver to keep more than one daily log in respect of any day.
- 1 count - Section 40(1) AR314/2002 - Fail to establish/maintain/follow required safety program for the safe operation/use of a commercial vehicle.
- 3 counts - Section 87(1) SOR/2005-313 – Fail to monitor the compliance of each driver with the Commercial Vehicle Drivers Hours of Service Regulations.

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Outcome

On March 27, 2019 the owner Adesh Deol Trucking Ltd. pleaded guilty to 5 of the 8 charges, these were:

- 1 count - Section 40(1) AR314/2002 - Fail to establish/maintain/follow required safety program for safe operation/use of a commercial vehicle.
- 1 count - Section 87(1) SOR/2005-313 – Fail to monitor the compliance of each driver with the Commercial Vehicle Drivers Hours of Service Regulations.
- 2 counts - Section 86(1) SOR/2005-313 - Require or allow a driver to keep more than one daily log in respect of any day.
- 1 count - Section 81(1) SOR/2005-313 - Fail to require every driver to fill out a daily log each day that accounts for all of the driver's on-duty time and off duty time for that day.

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Questions?



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