

## CSA SMS Snapshot Incorporates Two Improvements

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has enhanced the Safety Measurement System (SMS) Methodology so that it includes violations based on new cell phone use regulations and provides more detailed breakouts of some existing brake, wheel, and coupling regulations. The new SMS snapshot contains the following two changes:

1. The addition of five texting and cell phone use violations in the Unsafe Driving Behavior Analysis and Safety Improvement Category (BASIC) as outlined below. The violations reflect FMCSA's decision on January 3, 2012 to ban commercial drivers from using mobile telephones while driving, which includes a ban on texting. Motor carriers should discuss the new violations with their drivers to ensure that they are aware of these requirements.
2. A breakout of six current Vehicle Maintenance violations into 22 that provide more descriptive and detailed information about compliance with existing brake, wheel, and coupling regulations. This change will ensure that SMS remains aligned with improvements recently made to roadside data collection systems. Those improvements are the results of a joint FMCSA and Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance effort to increase data uniformity through improved processes and tools. This change will help to clarify who the responsible party is for the violations, either the motor carrier or the Intermodal Equipment Provider.

<b>Added Carrier SMS Unsafe Driving BASIC Violations</b>			
<b>Section</b>	<b>Violation Description Shown on Driver/Vehicle Examination Report Given to Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Driver after Roadside Inspection</b>	<b>Violation Group Description</b>	<b>Violation Severity Weight</b>
177.804(b)	Failure to comply with 49 CFR 392.80 - Texting while Oper a CMV - Placardable HM	Texting	10
177.804(c)	Fail to comply with 392.82 - Using Mobile Phone while Oper a CMV - HM	Phone Call	10
392.80(a)	Driving a commercial motor vehicle while texting	Texting	10
392.82(a)(1)	Using a hand-held mobile telephone while operating a CMV	Phone Call	10
392.82(a)(2)	Allowing or requiring driver to use a hand-held mobile tel while operating a CMV	Phone Call	10