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# Friday Safety Brief®

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## FMCSA Launches CSA on December 13, 2010

This week, on Monday (12-13-10), The FMCSA launched its new CSA (formerly "Comprehensive Safety Analysis," now "Compliance Safety Accountability") program and Safety Measurement System (SMS). We tried many times and, sometimes, we were able to connect. Sometimes, because most attempts met with "Unable to connect" and "The site could be temporarily unavailable or too busy. Try again in a few moments". Apparently there were many carriers and others attempting to take a look at the "BASICS" and scores. However, when we were able to connect, the site was impressive, with a plethora of help and explanations. Assuming that connections improve, carriers should not have any trouble finding explanations and assistance. As I write this Friday Safety Brief, 10:00 p.m. (CST) tonight (Monday), I keep clicking and it's still too busy or there are some problems, as I cannot seem to make the connection. I was actually more successful during regular working hours today, but I'll concede, there might be thousands of interested parties doing exactly the same thing tonight. Hopefully, the FMCSA will find a fix, because I suspect that the traffic to the SMS website will only increase.

As said, the site is impressive, clear, concise and with explanation. The 7 BASICs are all shown, along with the carrier's scores in each (remember that high scores are not good!). A score that reaches the threshold for intervention is highlighted and hard to miss. There is a large ALERT, just so you don't miss it. You can also go to the "threshold guide" to find out the threshold of each BASIC.

### Intervention Thresholds by Motor Carrier Type

BASIC	General	HazMat Carrier	Passenger Carrier
Unsafe Driving	≥65%	≥60%	≥50%
Fatigued Driving (Hours-of-Service)	65%	60%	50%
Driver Fitness	80%	75%	65%
Controlled Substances & Alcohol	80%	75%	65%
Vehicle Maintenance	80%	75%	65%
Cargo-Related	80%	75%	65%
Crash Indicator	65%	60%	50%

When you click on one of the "BASIC" bars, you'll bring up the roadside inspection information such as vehicle defects, both Out of Service (OOS) and those defects that did not result in an out of service. This is essentially the same format as the information which was available on SafeStat.

Carriers might find it useful to check out the information available on the SMS website as the FMCSA has added a lot of information to help guide carriers and improve their scores. You can also visit our website for additional assistance: <http://professionalsafetyconsulting.com>✉



Due to the upcoming holidays, there will be no Friday Safety Brief for the next two weeks. See you in 2011!



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