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### **DOT Officially Floats HOS Changes That Would Alter 14-Hour Clock, 30-Minute Break by James Jaillet**

"The U.S. DOT on Wednesday officially announced proposed changes to federal hours of service regulations for truck operators. Chiefly, the proposed changes, if made final, would allow drivers to pause their 14-hour clock for up to three hours in a shift and go off-duty in that time period..."

<https://www.ccjdigital.com/dot-officially-floats-hos-changes-that-would-alter-14-hour-clock-30-minute-break/?fbclid=IwAR11s1nGXOn7K3atvAPk4M9wcnio9bGWp5XkuH5VzwCupknZbYH9rcF10cs>

### **FMCSA's Ray Martinez Discusses HOS, Engagement, Training by Eleanor Lamb**

"I hope that people comment. Don't assume this is a done deal," Martinez said. "If you like it, please tell us you like it. If you like parts of it, tell us you like parts of it and what parts you don't like. Be constructive in your criticism to help us create a final rule as quickly as possible..."

<https://www.ttnews.com/articles/fmcsas-martinez-discusses-hos-engagement-training>

### **As Industry Groups Laud FMCSA's Hours Proposal, Truckers Offer Mixed Reactions by Overdrive Staff**

"The proposal was met with quick praise from trade groups like the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association, the American Trucking Associations and the Truckload Carriers Association. However, reaction among Overdrive readers have been split, with some welcoming the proposed changes and others dismissing them. Some, too, have questioned whether the allowed pause of the 14-hour clock will unintentionally lead to longer days for drivers – especially if shippers and receivers try to make the three-hour pause a standard operation around detention..."

<https://www.overdriveonline.com/as-industry-groups-laud-fmcsas-hours-proposal-truckers-offer-mixed-reactions/>

### **Truck Tonnage Surges 7.3% In July by Jim Stinson**

"Truck tonnage surged 7.3%, the largest year-over-year gain since April, compared with July 2018, according to American Trucking Associations. And tonnage increased 6.6% in July over June, according to ATA's advanced seasonally adjusted For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index..."

<https://www.ttnews.com/articles/truck-tonnage-surges-73-july>

### **Van Rates Still Waiting For A Rebound by Allie Lewis**

"Van freight trends have been muted for nearly all of 2019 – we haven't seen many sharp spikes or large drops. Overall, it's been a steady decline, interrupted by higher rates in June and the first half of July..."

<https://www.dat.com/blog/post/van-rates-still-waiting-for-a-rebound>



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### **Class 8 Orders In July Sink To Lowest Level Since 2010 by Jim Stinson**

“Class 8 orders were down to their lowest level since 2010 in July, according to ACT Research. North American Class 8 orders came to 10,200 units compared with last July’s all-time monthly high of 52,400; and down 21% from June. The 10,200 units were also the lowest monthly order tally since February 2010...”

<https://www.ttnews.com/articles/class-8-orders-july-sink-lowest-level-2010-0>

### **Is Trucking In The Midst Of A Freight Recession by Steven Martinez**

“Recent economic reports from trucking industry analysts show a decline in the freight market in the near term, but it could stabilize in the long term. In ACT Research’s Freight Forecast for July, the firm affirmed its view that trucking is in the midst of a freight recession, forecasting that truckload and intermodal contract rates would fall this year due to overcapacity and weak freight demand. In Turn, overcapacity is expected to give shippers the upper hand in rate negotiations...”

<https://www.truckinginfo.com/336158/is-trucking-in-the-midst-of-a-freight-recession>

### **Thousands Of Truck Drivers Have Lost Their Jobs This Year In The Trucking ‘Bloodbath.’ Here’s What’s Behind The Slowdown In The \$800 Billion Industry by Rachel Premack**

“While there are some signs of hope in the data and expectations for a 2H rebound, we do not expect the damage in 1H to be undone,” Shanker wrote in a note to investors. There isn’t one clean explanation for why a slowdown is hitting the \$800 billion trucking industry. But analysts and truck drivers pointed to a few reasons it’s on shaky grounds in 2019...”

<https://www.businessinsider.com/why-trucking-industry-slowdown-trucker-job-loss-2019-7>

### **3PL Perspectives 2019 by Merrill Douglas**

“These are prosperous times for third-party providers. According to the companies that responded to Inbound Logistics’ annual 3PL marketplace survey, a growing number of shippers these days outsource at least some of their supply chain activities to companies that specialize in those functions...”

<https://www.inboundlogistics.com/cms/article/3pl-perspectives-2019/>

### **State Of Logistics In 2019: What’s Next by John Schulz**

“Experiencing the most challenging year in over a generation, shippers managed to adapt to a quickly changing transportation landscape through innovation, increased technology adoption and improved partnerships in a year of rapidly rising rates and constricted capacity. Riding a booming economy, U.S. business logistics costs rose 11.45% to reach \$1.64 trillion – or 8% of 2018’s \$20.5 trillion gross domestic product (GDP)...”

[https://www.logisticsmgmt.com/article/state\\_of\\_logistics\\_in\\_2019\\_whats\\_next](https://www.logisticsmgmt.com/article/state_of_logistics_in_2019_whats_next)