



# UNIVERSAL FORWARDING OVERSEAS NEWSLETTER

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## **ELECTRONIC LOGGING DEVICES (ELD) MANDATE**

The regulations requiring electronic logging devices in most over the road trucks went into effect Monday, December 18, 2017. These new mandates strictly enforce the existing hours of service rules for truck drivers. Most companies have made the investment to be in compliance with the device requirements. UFO has confirmed ELD compliance with our current providers and will continue to maintain our high standards for quality.

## **TRUCKER CAPACITY**

ELD regulations combined with rising costs and the always present challenges of recruiting and retaining new drivers have created a trucker shortage in many parts of the United States. Capacity is especially tight right now as drivers are scheduling time home with their families.

There are things you can do to help keep your freight moving. Please remember to book shipments with UFO with as much lead time as possible. Also minimize changes to shipments and be prepared to meet the loading requirements once arrangements with truckers have been made.

UFO continues to seek qualified carriers to move your cargo. Steamship lines are also experiencing these same constraints on trucker capacity, especially in the Chicago market. We are hopeful that we will see some relief in local capacity early 2018 while anticipate supply to remain tight in remote areas.

As always, please contact Marc Mugfor ([mmugfor@ufold.com](mailto:mmugfor@ufold.com)) with any questions or concerns on the above information.

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!

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