

# FUEL TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS



This guide is intended for informational purposes only. Local regulations may also apply. You should always consult your local DOT officials for all regulations that apply to your operation.

## U.S. REGULATIONS

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR 100-185) regulate and enforce the safe transportation of hazardous chemicals and fuels throughout the United States.

Thunder Creek Equipment's fuel trailers are a non-specification DOT cargo tanks approved for agricultural and commercial use with a Class 3 combustibles (ie: diesel fuel.) According to 49 CFR 173.500, 1993 placards will need to be displayed on all four sides of the fuel trailer when transporting diesel fuel.

## AGRICULTURE USE

The agricultural exception is covered in 49 CFR 173.500. This allows a farmer to be exempted from some of the hazardous material transportation requirements when transporting diesel for his own use. 49 CFR 171.8 defines a farmer as a person engaged in the production of raising crops or livestock (i.e. operates / owns a farm or someone who is under the direct control of that person).

## FARMER EXCEPTION

A Farmer using Thunder Creek Equipment's 500, 750, 990 fuel trailers are exempt from any quantity regulations. (49 CFR 107.601 a4, 6, b)

Farmers are exempt from being trained in HAZMAT Transportation (49 CFR 172.G) and are not required to have Emergency Response Information, such as Shipping Papers, Bill of Lading, or MSDS sheets during transportation of diesel fuel. (49 CFR 172.H)

Farmers are only exempt when the farmer is hauling diesel fuel from farm-to-field, field-to-field, field-to-farm. This only applies when hauling within 150 miles of the farm and only within the same state. (49 CFR 173.5 a, b)

When the Farmer goes to town for diesel fuel, he is not allowed on an interstate or controlled access roadway (49 CFR 173.5 b2ii) and must meet these requirements:

### Under 502 Gallons:

- Shipping Papers or Bill of Lading Must be present.
- Safety Placards must be visible on the trailer.

### Over 502 Gallons:

- Shipping Papers or Bill of Lading Must be present.
- Safety Placards must be visible on the trailer.
- Emergency Response Information / MSDS sheet must be present.
- HAZMAT Training will have to be completed and certified.

## DIESEL FUEL TRANSPORTATION

The Thunder Creek 500, 750, and 990 gallon single wall fuel trailers are approved for diesel fuel transportation. In the United States, anyone hauling more than 119 gallons of diesel fuel is subject to the following requirements:

- Register with the Federal DOT for HAZMAT certification and endorsement.
- Have appropriate shipping paperwork, emergency response information / MSDS Sheets.
- Maintain proper insurance coverage and provide such documentation.
- Have the proper CDL and required endorsements.

Operators should check with their state in regards to the applicability of the Tanker Endorsement requirement as this can be interpreted differently from state to state.

**QUESTIONS?** Please call Thunder Creek at 866-535-7667 or contact your State Patrol or DOT HAZMAT Division.