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Changes to FMC Rules for Ocean Transportation Intermediaries



Ocean Transportation Intermediaries

- FMC issued Final Rules in Nov. 2015
- Notable changes
 - Requires license renewal every three years
 - Existing licenses will be phased into the system over the first three years beginning Dec. 15, 2016
- Foreign OTIs still have choice of becoming:
 - Licensed entity in the United States or
 - Registering as a foreign OTI

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- Licensed entity in the United States
 - OTI will need to have a U.S. office
 - Favorable change: If a foreign OTI wishes to become licensed they are still required to have a Qualified Licensee but that individual may have gained his necessary three years industry experience in another country
 - Required to submit a renewal application every three years
- Registering as a Foreign OTI
 - Required to submit a renewal application every three years

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- Renewal application will be a simple online application and will not start until Dec. 2016
- Former term “unlicensed OTI” is officially changed in rules to “Registered OTI”
- A registered OTI may issue Bills of Lading for shipping to and from the United States but must use an agent as a Licensed OTI for any operation or work done within the U.S.

Questions?



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