

April 1, 2024

Mr. Carmen Martorana, Executive Director/CEO
International Fuel Tax Association, Inc.
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**RE: Maryland International Fuel Tax Association, Inc. (IFTA)
Requirements Waiver**

Dear Executive Director/CEO Martorana,

I write to inform you that I am authorizing the temporary waiver of certain IFTA requirements in Maryland to mitigate the economic impact of the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse that took the lives of six people on Tuesday morning.


As of March 30, 2024, 12:01 am and through May 31, 2024, at 11:59 pm, Maryland will waive IFTA licensing and decal requirements for motor carriers hauling freight to or from a seaport.

With the expectation that some IFTA licensees located in the affected area may experience difficulty filing their quarterly IFTA Tax Returns by the April 30, 2024, due date, the Office will also grant a waiver of penalties for this filing period. IFTA licensees that are affected by this waiver must file their first quarter returns no later than June 30, 2024, in order to be granted this relief.

The Port of Baltimore contributes to the local, regional, and national economies by providing employment and income to individuals, tax revenues to local and state governments, and revenue to businesses that handle, ship, and receive cargo through this commerce channel. Last year, according to a newly published report, cargo and cruise activity at the State-owned and private marine terminals at the Port of Baltimore generated more than 51,000 direct, induced, and indirect jobs, and generated more than \$5 billion in personal wage and salary income for Maryland residents. Activity at the Port of Baltimore also generated \$647.1 million in state if they are hauling freight to or from a seaport.

Thank you for your support of our state and our motor carriers during this extremely challenging time. I strongly encourage our neighboring jurisdictions to also waive IFTA licensing requirements temporarily for motor carriers hauling freight to or from a seaport.

My best,



Brooke E. Lierman

cc: Van Howeth, Acting Director, Field Enforcement Bureau

