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NOTICE OF PENALTY ASSESSMENT 25-TRAM-314-PEN

March 11, 2025

Justin Ward, Owner Justin Ward d/b/a Certa Foam 2383 165th Road Wathena, Kansas, 66090-4209

This is a notice of a penalty assessment against Justin Ward d/b/a Certa Foam ("Certa Foam") for violations of Kansas Motor Carrier Safety Statutes, Rules, and Regulations discovered during a compliance review conducted on December 5, 2024, by Kansas Corporation Commission Special Investigators. The Special Investigators identified thirty (30) violations of the Motor Carrier Safety regulations. The Penalty for the violation is assessed in accordance with the FY 2025 Uniform Penalty Assessment Matrix, approved by the Commission on June 27, 2024. Certa Foam has been assessed a \$4,750.00 penalty. For a full description of the penalties and terms and obligations please refer to the Order attached to this notice.

IF YOU ACCEPT THE PENALTY: You have thirty (30) days from the date of service of the Penalty Order to pay the penalty. Please remit payment of \$4,750.00 through your personal account with the Kansas Corporation Commission's Kansas Trucking Regulatory Assistance Network ("KTRAN") system located at https://puc.kcc.ks.gov/ktran/. If you have not received a letter from the Transportation Division assigning you a PIN, please contact that Division at 785-271-3145. You must have an account through KTRAN to pay the penalty owed.

The attached Order also requires a representative of Certa Foam:

- a. To attend a Commission-sponsored safety seminar within thirty (30) days from the date of the Order. A schedule of dates and locations for safety seminars can be found at the Commission's website http://www.kcc.state.ks.us/trans/safety_meetings.htm.
- b. To submit a written, comprehensive Corrective Action Plan ("CAP") to Transportation Staff within thirty (30) days of the date of this order, documenting the violations described in this Penalty Order, including specific and detailed information explaining Carrier's efforts and concrete steps taken to ensure the violations do not occur in the future.
- c. To submit to one follow-up safety compliance review within eighteen (18) months from the date of this Penalty Order. Transportation Staff will contact the motor carrier at a later date to determine an appropriate time for the review.

IF YOU CONTEST THE PENALTY ORDER: You have the right to request a hearing. A request for a hearing must be made in writing, and within fifteen (15) days from the date of service of this Order, setting forth the specific grounds upon which relief is sought. You may request a hearing through the Commission's electronic filing system found at https://puc.kcc.ks.gov/e-filing/e-express/, and you must also mail a copy of the request for hearing to the undersigned at the above address. If you do not have access to the internet, you can mail an

original and seven copies of the request to the Executive Director at 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604, and mail a copy to the undersigned Litigation Counsel. 1

IF YOU FAIL TO ACT: Failure to pay the penalty of \$4,750.00 within thirty (30) days from the date of service of the Penalty Order or failure to comply with the terms of the Order, or in the alternative, failure to provide a timely written request for a hearing, will result in the Order becoming final and may result in additional sanctions of suspension and/or revocation of your motor carrier operating authority.

Respectfully, Jol Ahoan A. Latif Ahsan A. Latif Litigation Counsel (785) 271-3118 Ahsan.Latif@ks.gov

¹ K.A.R. 82-1-215; K.S.A. 77-542.

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Andrew J. French, Chairperson

Dwight D. Keen Annie Kuether

In the Matter of the Investigation of Justin Ward)
d/b/a Certa Foam of Wathena, Kansas.)
Regarding the Violation(s) of the Motor Carrier)
Safety Statutes, Rules and Regulations and the) Docket No. 25-TRAM-314-PEN
Commission's Authority to Impose Penalties,)
Sanctions and/or the Revocation of Motor Carrier)
Authority.	•

PENALTY ORDER

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Commission"). Having examined its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,108b, 66-1,111, 66-1,112g and 66-1,115, the Commission is given full power, authority, and jurisdiction to supervise and control motor carriers, as defined in 49 C.F.R. Part 390.5 as adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3f, doing business or procuring business in Kansas, and is empowered to do all things necessary and convenient for the exercise of such power, authority, and jurisdiction.
- 2. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-129a, 66-1,130, and 66-1,142b, the Commission may suspend operations, revoke or amend certificates, and initiate sanctions or fines against every motor carrier and every person who violates any provision of Kansas law in regard to the regulation of such motor carriers and persons, or who fails to obey any order, decision, or regulation of the Commission.

- 3. The Commission has the authority, pursuant to K.A.R. 82-1-237, to investigate an entity under the Commission's jurisdiction and issue an order on the Commission's own motion when the Commission believes the entity is in violation of the law or any order of the Commission.
- 4. Justin Ward d/b/a Certa Foam ("Certa Foam" or "Carrier") is a motor carrier as defined in 49 C.F.R. 390.5 and operates under USDOT number 2812191.
- 5. The Commission finds it has jurisdiction over Certa Foam pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,108b because it is a motor carrier as defined in 49 C.F.R. Part 390.5 as adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3f.
- 6. On December 5, 2025, a Staff Special Investigator ("SI") completed a safety compliance investigation of Certa Foam. As a result of the compliance investigation, the SI identified thirty (30) violations, set forth in ten (10) counts, of the Motor Carrier Safety Regulations ("MCSRs"), which carry a penalty set forth in the FY2025 Uniform Penalty Assessment Matrix.¹
- 7. On February 2, 2025, Transportation Staff submitted its Report and Recommendation ("R&R"), attached hereto as "Attachment A" and hereby incorporated by reference herein, recommending a penalty of \$4,750.00 to be issued to Certa Foam based on the frequency, timeline, and severity of the violations discovered.
- 8. Specifically, pursuant to Staff's R&R, the Commission finds that Certa Foam committed thirty (30) violations of the following ten (10) counts, discussed more fully in Staff's R&R:²
 - a. Count 1: On September 25, 2024, Certa Foam required or permitted its driver, Justin Ward, to operate a commercial driver's license required commercial motor vehicle

¹ Order Designating Guidance Document and Approving Staff's Use of the Transportation Division's Uniform Penalty Assessment Table, pp. 10 – 24 (Jun. 27, 2024) ("Penalty Matrix").

² See Staff's Report and Recommendation, Transportation Division (Jan. 22, 2025).

- (a 2006 Freightliner, VIN ending in 98655, GVWR 19,500 lbs., in combination with a 2015 Horton Hauler semi-trailer, VIN ending 51562, GVWR 14,000 lbs.) on in Kansas on a public road in interstate commerce (Wathena, Kansas to Kansas City, Missouri) without first establishing an alcohol and controlled substances testing program, which resulted in one (1) violation of 49 C.F.R. 382.115(a), adopted by K.A.R 82-4-3c. The Commission finds that Staff's recommendation of a penalty of \$350.00 is appropriate and in accordance with the current Penalty Matrix.
- b. Count 2: On September 25, 2024, Certa Foam required or permitted its driver, Justin Ward, to operate a commercial driver's license required commercial motor vehicle (a 2006 Freightliner, VIN ending in 98655, GVWR 19,500 lbs., in combination with a 2015 Horton Hauler semi-trailer, VIN ending 51562, GVWR 14,000 lbs.) on in Kansas on a public road in interstate commerce (Wathena, Kansas to Kansas City, Missouri) and failed to require its driver to prepare a record of duty status. As more fully set forth in Staff's R&R, the SI found that Certa Foam had hauled twelve transports for which no record of duty status was prepared, resulting in twelve (12) violations of 49 C.F.R 395.8, adopted by K.A.R 82-4-3a. The Commission finds that Staff's recommendation of a penalty of \$500.00 is appropriate and in accordance with the current Penalty Matrix.
- c. Count 3: On September 25, 2024, Certa Foam required or permitted its driver, Justin Ward, to operate a commercial driver's license required commercial motor vehicle (a 2006 Freightliner, VIN ending in 98655, GVWR 19,500 lbs., in combination with a 2015 Horton Hauler semi-trailer, VIN ending 51562, GVWR 14,000 lbs.) on

in Kansas on a public road in interstate commerce (Wathena, Kansas to Kansas City, Missouri) and failed to require its driver to retain the appropriate supporting documents that would indicate compliance with hours of service requirements. As more fully set forth in Staff's R&R, the SI found that Certa Foam had hauled four transports for which no supporting documents were retained, resulting in four (4) violations of 49 C.F.R 395.11, adopted by K.A.R 82-4-3a. The Commission finds that Staff's recommendation of a penalty of \$500.00 is appropriate and in accordance with the current Penalty Matrix.

- d. Count 4: On September 25, 2024, Certa Foam required or permitted its driver, Justin Ward, to operate a commercial driver's license required commercial motor vehicle (a 2006 Freightliner, VIN ending in 98655, GVWR 19,500 lbs., in combination with a 2015 Horton Hauler semi-trailer, VIN ending 51562, GVWR 14,000 lbs.) on in Kansas on a public road in interstate commerce (Wathena, Kansas to Kansas City, Missouri) without first obtaining an annual inspection performed in the year prior to this transport. As more fully set forth in Staff's R&R, the SI found that Certa Foam had three vehicles that were operated without first obtaining an annual inspection in the pervious twelve months, resulting in three (3) violations of 49 C.F.R 396.17, adopted by K.A.R 82-4-3j. The Commission finds that Staff's recommendation of a penalty of \$750.00 is appropriate and in accordance with the current Penalty Matrix.
- e. Count 5: On September 25, 2024, Certa Foam required or permitted its driver, Justin Ward, to operate a commercial driver's license required commercial motor vehicle (a 2006 Freightliner, VIN ending in 98655, GVWR 19,500 lbs., in combination

- with a 2015 Horton Hauler semi-trailer, VIN ending 51562, GVWR 14,000 lbs.) on in Kansas on a public road in interstate commerce (Wathena, Kansas to Kansas City, Missouri) without first paying its Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) fees for 2024, which resulted in one (1) violation of 49 C.F.R. 367, adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-30a. The Commission finds that Staff's recommendation of a penalty of \$300.00 is appropriate and in accordance with the current Penalty Matrix.
- f. Count 6: On September 25, 2024, Certa Foam required or permitted its driver, Justin Ward, to operate a commercial driver's license required commercial motor vehicle (a 2006 Freightliner, VIN ending in 98655, GVWR 19,500 lbs., in combination with a 2015 Horton Hauler semi-trailer, VIN ending 51562, GVWR 14,000 lbs.) on in Kansas on a public road in interstate commerce (Wathena, Kansas to Kansas City, Missouri) without first obtaining proper commercial registration for its commercial motor vehicles. As more fully set forth in Staff's R&R, the SI found that Certa Foam had three vehicles that were operated without first obtaining commercial registration, resulting in three (3) violations of K.S.A. 8-143m and 49 C.F.R. 392.2, adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3h. The Commission finds that Staff's recommendation of a penalty of \$500.00 is appropriate and in accordance with the current Penalty Matrix.
- g. Count 7: On September 25, 2024, Certa Foam required or permitted its driver, Justin Ward, to operate a commercial driver's license required commercial motor vehicle (a 2006 Freightliner, VIN ending in 98655, GVWR 19,500 lbs., in combination with a 2015 Horton Hauler semi-trailer, VIN ending 51562, GVWR 14,000 lbs.) on in Kansas on a public road in interstate commerce (Wathena, Kansas to Kansas

- City, Missouri) without first registering in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse (DACH), which resulted in one (1) violation of 49 C.F.R. 382.711, adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3c. The Commission finds that Staff's recommendation of a penalty of \$500.00 is appropriate and in accordance with the current Penalty Matrix.
- h. Count 8: On September 25, 2024, Certa Foam required or permitted its driver, Justin Ward, to operate a commercial driver's license required commercial motor vehicle (a 2006 Freightliner, VIN ending in 98655, GVWR 19,500 lbs., in combination with a 2015 Horton Hauler semi-trailer, VIN ending 51562, GVWR 14,000 lbs.) on in Kansas on a public road in interstate commerce (Wathena, Kansas to Kansas City, Missouri) without first requiring its driver to be medically examined and certified, which resulted in one (1) violation of 49 C.F.R. 391.45, adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3g. The Commission finds that Staff's recommendation of a penalty of \$250.00 is appropriate and in accordance with the current Penalty Matrix.
- i. Count 9: On September 25, 2024, Certa Foam required or permitted its driver, Justin Ward, to operate a commercial driver's license required commercial motor vehicle (a 2006 Freightliner, VIN ending in 98655, GVWR 19,500 lbs., in combination with a 2015 Horton Hauler semi-trailer, VIN ending 51562, GVWR 14,000 lbs.) on in Kansas on a public road in interstate commerce (Wathena, Kansas to Kansas City, Missouri) without first maintaining a driver qualification file on each driver employed, which resulted in one (1) violation of 49 C.F.R. 391.51, adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3g. The Commission finds that Staff's recommendation of a penalty of \$350.00 is appropriate and in accordance with the current Penalty Matrix.

- j. Count 10: On September 25, 2024, Certa Foam required or permitted its driver, Justin Ward, to operate a commercial driver's license required commercial motor vehicle (a 2006 Freightliner, VIN ending in 98655, GVWR 19,500 lbs., in combination with a 2015 Horton Hauler semi-trailer, VIN ending 51562, GVWR 14,000 lbs.) on in Kansas on a public road in interstate commerce (Wathena, Kansas to Kansas City, Missouri) without first maintaining records of maintenance on the vehicles involved. As more fully set forth in Staff's R&R, the SI found that Certa Foam had three vehicles that it operated without first maintaining the required records of maintenance, resulting in three (3) violations of 49 C.F.R. 396.3(b)(2), adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3j. The Commission finds that Staff's recommendation of a penalty of \$500.00 is appropriate and in accordance with the current Penalty Matrix.
- 9. The Commission hereby adopts Staff's findings as contained in its February 2, 2025, R&R.
- 10. The Commission finds that Certa Foam is required to have a representative responsible for the Carrier's safety compliance attend a Commission-sponsored safety seminar within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.³ A schedule of the dates and locations for safety seminars can be found on the Commission's website at http://kcc.ks.gov/trans/safety_meetings.htm.
- 11. The Commission further finds that Certa Foam is required to submit a written, comprehensive Corrective Action Plan ("CAP") that is satisfactory to Transportation Staff within thirty (30) days of the date of this order, documenting the violation(s) described in this Penalty

³ See Id., p. 4.

Order, including specific and detailed information explaining Carrier's efforts and concrete steps taken to ensure the violation(s) do not occur in the future.⁴

- 12. The Commission further finds that Certa Foam is required to submit to one followup safety compliance review within eighteen (18) months from the date of this Order at a time agreeable to Staff.⁵
- 13. Failure to comply with the requirements of this Penalty Order shall result in suspension of Certa Foam's motor carrier operating authority without further notice.⁶
- 14. The Commission concludes the penalty of \$4,750.00 for the one violation set forth above, and the additional three requirements set forth in paragraphs 10, 11, and 12 are just and reasonable.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

- A. Certa Foam is hereby assessed a \$4,750.00 civil penalty for thirty (30) violations, set forth in ten (10) counts of Kansas law governing the regulation of motor carriers, the Kansas Administrative regulations, and provisions of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, as adopted by the Kansas Administrative Regulations.
- B. Certa Foam is hereby ordered to have a representative responsible for the Carrier's safety compliance attend a Commission-sponsored safety seminar within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.
- C. Certa Foam is hereby ordered to submit a written, comprehensive corrective action plan ("CAP") that is satisfactory to Transportation Staff within thirty (30) days of the date of this order, documenting the violations described in this Penalty Order, including specific and detailed

⁴ See Id.

⁵ See Id.

⁶ K.S.A. 66-1,105.

information explaining Carrier's efforts and concrete steps taken to ensure the violations do not occur in the future.

- D. Certa Foam is ordered to submit to one follow-up safety compliance review within eighteen (18) months from the date of this Order at a time agreeable to Staff.
- E. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537 and K.S.A. 77-542, any party may request a hearing on the above issue(s) by submitting a written request setting forth the specific grounds upon which relief is sought. The request may be electronically filed with the Commission's electronic filing system at https://puc.kcc.ks.gov/e-filing/e-express/, within fifteen (15) days from the date of service of this Order, and a copy of the request mailed to the Litigation Division. If you do not have access to the internet, you can mail an original and seven copies of the request to the Acting Secretary to the Commission at 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604, and mail a copy of the request to Litigation Counsel. A hearing will be scheduled only upon written request. Failure to timely request a hearing will result in a waiver of Certa Foam's right to a hearing, and this Penalty Order will become a Final Order.
- F. If a request for hearing is filed, attorneys for all parties shall enter their appearances in Commission proceedings by giving their names and addresses for the record. For civil penalties exceeding \$500.00, a corporation shall appear before the Commission by its attorney, unless waived by the Commission for good cause shown and a determination that such waiver is in the public interest.⁷ For civil penalties of \$500.00 or less, a corporation may appear by a duly authorized representative of the corporation.⁸
- G. If you do not request a hearing, the payment of the civil penalty of \$4,750.00 is due in thirty (30) days from the date of service of this Order. Payment of \$4,750.00 must be made

⁷ K.S.A. 77-515(c); K.A.R. 82-1-228(d)(2); K.A.R. 82-1-202(a).

⁸ K.S.A. 66-1,142b(e) and amendments thereto.

through your personal account with the Kansas Corporation Commission's Kansas Trucking Regulatory Assistance Network ("KTRAN") system located at https://puc.kcc.ks.gov/ktran/. You must have an account through KTRAN to pay the penalty.

H. Failure of Certa Foam to perform, pay, or fully comply with the provisions of this Order, including but not limited to Ordering Clauses A through D, above, will result in suspension of Certa Foam's motor carrier operating authority without further notice. Additionally, the Commission may impose further sanctions to include, but not limited to, the issuance and enforcement of revocation of authority and/or cease and desist orders, and any other remedies available to the Commission by law, without further notice.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French,	Chairperson; Keen,	Commissioner; Kuether,	Commissioner
Dated:	03/11/2025		

Abigail D. Emery

Acting Secretary to the Commission

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⁹ K.S.A. 66-1,105.

ATTACHMENT "A"

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

TO: Andrew J. French, Chairperson

Dwight D. Keen, Commissioner Annie Kuether, Commissioner

FROM: Jared Smith, Deputy Director of Transportation

DATE: February 2, 2025

SUBJECT: Docket No. 25-TRAM-314-PEN

In the Matter of the Investigation of Justin Ward d/b/a Certa Foam of Wathena, Kansas, Regarding the Violation of the Motor Carrier Rules and Regulations and the Commission's Authority to Impose Penalties, Sanctions and/or the Revocation

of Motor Carrier Authority

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Justin Ward d/b/a Certa Foam (Certa Foam) is a motor carrier (MC), primarily hauling construction and a liquid spray foam commercial application and construction. Certa Foam operates under USDOT 2812191. On December 5, 2024, Commission Staff Special Investigators (SIs) completed a safety compliance investigation of the operations of Certa Foam. A copy of the safety compliance report is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and is hereby incorporated by reference. As a result of this investigation, the SIs identified thirty (30) violations, set forth in ten (10) specific counts, of the Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (MCSRs), which carries a penalty according to the FY2025 Uniform Penalty Assessment Matrix approved by the Commission. Based on the frequency, timeline and severity of the violations discovered by the SIs, staff recommends penalty of \$4,750 be issued to the MC.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS:

On December 05, 2025, Commission SIs conducted a safety compliance investigation of the operations of Certa Foam. The investigation covers a 365 day period. Each specific count is detailed below.

Count One (1 of 10)

Jurisdiction: K.S.A. 66-1,111 and 66-1,129.

Relevant Statutes: 49 C.F.R 382.115 states: "(a) All domestic-domiciled employers must implement the requirements of this part on the date the employer begins commercial motor vehicle operations."

Supporting Documentation and Material Facts: On September 25, 2024, Certa Foam required or permitted its driver, Justin Ward. to operate a commercial driver's license (CDL) required commercial motor vehicle (CMV), a 2006 Freightliner, VIN ending in 98655, GVWR 19,500 lbs. in combination with a 2015 Horton Hauler semi-trailer, VIN ending in 51562, GVWR 14,000 lbs., in interstate commerce from Wathena, Kansas to Mound City, Missouri. This transport is evidenced by Driver/Vehicle Examination Report No. KSHP03031758 attached hereto as Exhibit 2. The MC failed to establish an alcohol and controlled substances testing program.

<u>Violation</u>: Certa Foam failed to establish a drug and alcohol testing program, which is a violation of 49 C.F.R 382.115(a), adopted by K.A.R 82-4-3c (Exhibit 1, page 3). One (1) violation discovered (Exhibit 1, page 13).

Recommendation: Staff recommends a fine of \$350, in accordance with the FY2025 Penalty Matrix.

Count Two (2 of 10)

<u>Jurisdiction</u>: 49 C.F.R. 395.8, adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3a, and authorized by K.S.A. 66-1,129. <u>Relevant Statutes</u>: 49 C.F.R 395.8 states: "Except for a private motor carrier of passengers (nonbusiness), as defined in § 390.5 of this subchapter, a motor carrier subject to the requirements of this part must require each driver used by the motor carrier to record the driver's duty status for each 24-hour period using the method prescribed in paragraphs (a)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section, as applicable."

Material Facts and Supporting Documentation: This violation took place during the transport on September 25, 2024, described in Count One, above. At the time of this transport the MC failed to require its driver to prepare a record of duty status as required. Justin Ward failed to prepare a record of duty status on September 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 30, 2024 (See Exhibit 1, page 14).

<u>Violation</u>: Certa Foam failed to require its driver to prepare a record of duty status, which is a violation of 49 C.F.R 395.8, adopted by K.A.R 82-4-3a (**Exhibit 1, page 3**). Twelve (12) violations discovered (**Exhibit 1, page 14**).

Recommendation: Staff recommends a fine of \$500, in accordance with the FY2025 Penalty Matrix.

Count Three (3 of 10)

Authority: K.S.A. 66-1,111 and 66-1,129.

Relevant Statutes: K.A.R 82-4-35a states: "The following documents shall be made available upon request for inspection by any duly authorized representative of the commission, the state highway patrol, or other law enforcement officers: (a) Registration receipts; (b) authority cards; (c) driver logs; (d) bills of lading or shipping receipts; (e) waybills; (f) freight bills; (g) run tickets, or equivalent documents, and orders; (h) cab cards; (i) fuel receipts; (j) toll road receipts; and (k) any other documents that would indicate compliance with hours-of-service requirements."

Material Facts and Supporting Documentation: This violation took place during the transport on September 25, 2024, described in Count One, above. Additionally, this transport is evidenced by an invoice, attached hereto as Exhibit 3. The MC failed to retain the appropriate supporting documents that would indicate compliance with hours of service requirements. Justin Ward failed to retain supporting documents on September 10, 16, 18 and 23, 2024 (See Exhibit 1, page 13).

<u>Violation:</u> Certa Foam failed to retain supporting documents, which is a violation of 49 C.F.R. 395.11, adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3a (Exhibit 1, pages 3 to 4). Four (4) violations discovered (Exhibit 1, page 13).

Recommendation: Staff recommends a fine of \$500, in accordance with the FY2025 Penalty Matrix.

Count Four (4 of 10)

<u>Authority:</u> K.S.A. 66-1,111 and 66-1,129.

Intent of Law: 49 C.F.R 396.17 states: "Every commercial motor vehicle must be inspected as required by this section. The inspection must include, at a minimum, the parts and accessories set forth in appendix A to this part. The term commercial motor vehicle includes each vehicle in a combination vehicle. For example, for a tractor semitrailer, full trailer combination, the tractor, semitrailer, and the full trailer (including the converter dolly if so equipped) must each be inspected."

Material Facts and Supporting Documentation: This violation took place during the transport on September 25, 2024, described in Count One, above. The MC failed to provide an annual inspection performed in the year prior to this transport for either the 2006 Freightliner truck or the 2015 Horton Hauler semi-trailer involved in this transport. The MC also failed to provide an annual inspection performed in the year prior a transport which took place September 25, 2024 for its 2010 Chevrolet 3500.

<u>Violation:</u> Certa Foam operated commercial motor vehicles not periodically (annually) inspected, which is a violation of 49 C.F.R. 396.17, adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3j (Exhibit 1, page 4). Three (3) violations were discovered (Exhibit 1, page 13).

Recommendation: Staff recommends a fine of \$750, in accordance with the FY2025 Penalty Matrix.

Count Five (5 of 10)

<u>Authority</u>: 49 C.F.R. 367, adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-30a, and authorized by K.S.A. 66-1,139a and K.S.A. 66-1,129.

Relevant Statutes: Requires the MC to pay the appropriate Unified MC Registration (UCR) fees as set out in 49 C.F.R. 367.

Material Facts and Supporting Documentation: This violation took place during the transport on September 25, 2024, described in Count One, above. Additionally, a copy of the MC's UCR report is attached hereto as Exhibit 4. As of November 19, 2024, the MC had not paid its UCR registration despite operating in interstate commerce on September 25 (Kansas to Missouri). Violation: Certa Foam operated in interstate commerce without first paying its UCR fees for 2024, which is a violation of 49 C.F.R. 367, adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-30a (Exhibit 1, page 4). One (1) violation discovered.

Recommendation: Staff recommends a fine of \$300, in accordance with the FY2025 Penalty Matrix.

Count Six (6 of 10)

Authority: K.S.A. 66-1,111 and 66-1,129.

Relevant Statutes: K.S.A. 66-1,111 states: "No public motor carrier of property or passengers or private motor carrier of property shall operate any motor vehicle for the transportation of either persons or property on any public highway in this state except in accordance with the provisions of this act, and amendments thereto, and other applicable laws."

K.S.A. 66-1,142b state: "Any person violating any statute, commission orders or rules and regulations adopted by the state corporation commission pursuant to the motor carrier act and other laws relevant to motor carriers shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000 for negligent violations, and not more than \$5,000 for intentional violations."

K.S.A. 8-143m(a) states: "On and after January 1, 2014, any truck or truck tractor registered for a gross weight of more than 10,000 pounds which is operating as a commercial vehicle shall, in addition to the annual fee prescribed under K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, pay an annual commercial vehicle fee..." and includes the fee schedule.

K.S.A. 8-143m(c) states: "Upon the payment of the commercial vehicle fee and applicable registration fees under K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, except for vehicles registered under K.S.A. 8-1,100 et seq., and amendments thereto, the division shall provide for the registration of and the issuance of license plates for commercial motor vehicles in accordance with the provisions of this section. License plates issued under this section shall be permanent in nature and designed in such a manner as to remain with the commercial motor vehicle for the duration of the life span of the commercial motor vehicle or until the commercial motor vehicle is deleted from the owner's fleet. Such license plates shall be distinctive and shall contain the word "commercial" and there shall be no year date thereon. License plates issued under this section shall not be transferable to any other commercial motor vehicle, except that the unused registration and commercial vehicle fee may be transferred to another commercial motor vehicle which is registered at the same or greater weight."

Material Facts and Supporting Documentation: This violation took place during the transport on September 25, 2024, described in Count One, above. Additionally, attached is email correspondence with the Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR) showing that the carrier has not had a commercial registration account since 2019 as well as registration receipts showing

both power units are registered with standard county registration (as opposed to the required commercial registration). (See Exhibits 5, 6, and 7). In total three vehicles lacked commercial registration, the 2010 Chevrolet Silverado 3500, 2006 Freightliner and the 2015 Horton Hauler semi-trailer.

<u>Violation</u>: Certa Foam failed to obtain proper commercial registration for its commercial motor vehicles, which is a violation of K.S.A. 8-143m and 49 C.F.R. 392.2, adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3h (**Exhibit 1, page 4**). Three (3) violations discovered (**Exhibit 1, page 13**).

Recommendation: Staff recommends a fine of \$500, in accordance with the FY2025 Penalty Matrix.

Count Seven (7 of 10)

Jurisdiction: K.S.A. 66-1,111 and 66-1,129.

Relevant Statutes: 49 C.F.R 382.711 states: "Each employer and service agent must register with the Clearinghouse before accessing or reporting information in the Clearinghouse." **Material Facts and Supporting Documentation:** This violation took place during the transport on September 25, 2024, described in Count One, above. Additionally attached, hereto as **Exhibit 8**, is a copy of the MC DACH search. The SI did not return a result when searching for the MC's USDOT Number in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse (DACH).

<u>Violation:</u> Certa Foam failed to register in the FMCSA DACH, which is a violation of 49 C.F.R. 382.711, adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3c (Exhibit 1, page 5). One (1) violation discovered (Exhibit 1, Page 13).

Recommendation: Staff recommends a fine of \$500, in accordance with the FY2025 Penalty Matrix.

Count Eight (8 of 10)

Authority: K.S.A. 66-1,111 and 66-1,129.

Relevant Statutes: 49 C.F.R 391.43 states: "(a) Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this section, the medical examination must be performed by a medical examiner listed on the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners under subpart D of part 390 of this chapter." Material Facts and Supporting Documentation: This violation took place during the transport on September 25, 2024, described in Count One, above. The MC used a driver, Justin Ward, that had not been medically examined and certified. The MC did not provide any driver fitness documents for this driver.

<u>Violation</u>: Certa Foam used a driver not medically examined and certified, which is a violation of 49 C.F.R. 391.45, adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3g (**Exhibit 1, page 6**). One (1) violation discovered (**Exhibit 1, page 13**).

Recommendation: Staff recommends a fine of \$250, in accordance with the FY2025 Penalty Matrix.

Count Nine (9 of 10)

Authority: 49 C.F.R. 391.51(a), adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3g

Relevant Statutes: 49 C.F.R 391.51(a) states: "Each motor carrier shall maintain a driver qualification file for each driver it employs. A driver's qualification file may be combined with his/her personnel file.

- (b) The qualification file for a driver must include:
- (1) The driver's application for employment completed in accordance with § 391.21;
- (2) A copy of the motor vehicle record received from each driver's licensing authority pursuant to § 391.23(a)(1);
- (3) The certificate of driver's road test issued to the driver pursuant to § 391.31(e), a copy of the license or certificate which the motor carrier accepted as equivalent to the driver's road test pursuant to § 391.33, or the original of the written statement providing that the motor carrier determined the driver is not required by § 391.44(d) to complete a road test pursuant to § 391.44(d)(3)(ii)(A) and the original, or a copy, of the driver's certification required by § 391.44(d)(3)(i);
- (4) The motor vehicle record received from each driver's licensing authority to the annual driver record inquiry required by § 391.25(a);
- (5) A note relating to the annual review of the driver's driving record as required by § 391.25(c)(2);
- (6) (i) The medical examiner's certificate as required by § 391.43(g) or a legible copy of the certificate."

<u>Material Facts and Supporting Documentation:</u> This violation took place during the transport on September 25, 2024, described in Count One, above. The MC did not provide or maintain a driver qualification file for its driver, Justin Ward.

<u>Violation:</u> Certa Foam failed to maintain a driver qualification file on each driver employed, which is a violation of 49 C.F.R. 391.51(a), adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3g (**Exhibit 1, Page 6**). One (1) violation discovered (**Exhibit 1, Page 13**).

Recommendation: Staff recommends a fine of \$350, in accordance with the FY2025 Penalty Matrix.

Count Ten (10 of 10)

<u>Authority:</u> K.S.A. 66-1,111 and 66-1,129.

Relevant Statutes: 49 C.F.R 396.3(b)(2): "Motor carriers, except for a private motor carrier of passengers (nonbusiness), must maintain, or cause to be maintained, records for each motor vehicle they control for 30 consecutive days. Intermodal equipment providers must maintain or cause to be maintained, records for each unit of intermodal equipment they tender or intend to tender to a motor carrier. These records must include:

- (c) An identification of the vehicle including company number, if so marked, make, serial number, year, and tire size. In addition, if the motor vehicle is not owned by the motor carrier, the record shall identify the name of the person furnishing the vehicle;
- (d) A means to indicate the nature and due date of the various inspection and maintenance operations to be performed;"

Material Facts and Supporting Documentation: This violation took place during the transport on September 25, 2024, described in Count One, above. The MC did not provide maintenance records for the 2006 Freightliner truck or the 2015 Horton Hauler semi-trailer. The MC also failed to provide maintenance records for its 2010 Chevrolet 3500.

<u>Violation</u>: Certa Foam failed to maintain records indicating dates and nature of preventative maintenance operations, which is a violation of 49 C.F.R. 396.3(b)(2), adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3j (Exhibit 1, page 7). Three (3) violations discovered (Exhibit 1, page 13).

Recommendation: Staff recommends a fine of \$750, in accordance with the FY2025 Penalty Matrix.

RECOMMENDATION:

Transportation Staff recommends the Commission find Certa Foam committed twenty eight (28) violations accounting for ten (10) specific counts of Kansas law that governs MCs, including various provisions of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs), as adopted by the Kansas Administrative Regulations (K.A.R.s), and is therefore subject to sanctions or fines imposed by the Commission.

Due to the frequency, timeline and severity of the violations, Staff recommends a civil penalty of \$4,750 for Thirty (30) violations of the MC Safety Statutes, Rules and Regulations, in accordance with the recommended penalties listed in the applicable Uniform Penalty Assessment Matrix.

Staff further recommends Certa Foam require a representative responsible for the company's safety to attend a Commission-sponsored safety seminar within ninety (90) days from the date of the Order, and provide Litigation Counsel with written proof of attendance. A schedule of the dates and locations for safety seminars can be found on the Commission's website at http://kcc.ks.gov/trans/safety_meetings.htm.

Staff further recommends Certa Foam submit a written, comprehensive Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to Transportation Staff within thirty (30) days of the date of this order, documenting the violations described in the Penalty Order, including specific and detailed information explaining the carrier's efforts and concrete steps taken to ensure the violations do not occur in the future.

Finally, Staff recommends that Certa Foam submit to one follow-up safety compliance review within eighteen (18) months from the date of the Penalty Order. Transportation Staff will contact the motor carrier at a later date to determine an appropriate time for the review.

EXHIBIT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



U.S. DOT#: 2812191 MC/MX#: 0

Legal: JUSTIN WARD

Operating (DBA): CERTA FOAM

Investigation Date:

01/30/2025

Investigation Type: Onsite Comprehensive Investigation

Location of Investigation: Company principal place of business

Extent of Operations: Entire Operation

Physical Address

2383 165TH ROAD WATHENA, KS 66090-4209

United States

Contact Information

Contact Name: JUSTIN WARD Email: certafoam@gmail.com

Phone: (816)387-3486 Cell: (816)387-3486 Fax: ()-

Business and Financial

Business Type: Limited Liability Corporation Name of Gross Revenue Provider: Justin Ward Title of Gross Revenue Provider: Owner

Gross Revenue:

For Year Ending: 12/31/2023

Federal Tax ID:

Operation Classification and Type

Type of Operation: Non-HM Interstate Carrier

Operation Classification

Private Motor Carrier

Property - Non-Hazardous Materials

Mailing Address

2383 165TH ROAD WATHENA, KS 66090-4209

United States

Cargo

Construction, Other (Liquid spray foam commercial application. Two different types of product 2.0 HFO spray foam resin, and A-side. Both in 55 gallon drums to be mixed for the spray foam application.

Equipment

Owned

Term Leased **Trip Leased**

Straight Trucks 2

Trailers

Power units used in the U.S.: 2

Percentage of time used in the U.S.: 100%

Person(s) Interviewed

Name: JUSTIN WARD

Driver Information

Drivers

Intrastate

Interstate

1

< 100 Miles

>= 100 Miles

Average trip leased driver/month: 0

Drivers with CDL: 1 Total Drivers: 1

Title: OWNER

Questions

Questions about this report or the Federal Motor Carrier 1303 SW FIRST AMERICAN PL STE 200

Safety or Hazardous Materials regulations may be addressed to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety

Administration at:

TOPEKA, KS 66604-4040 Phone: (785) 271-1260

Fax: (877) 547-0378

This report will be used to assess your safety compliance.

Violations

1. Primary: 382.115(a)

Failing to implement an alcohol and/or controlled substances testing program on the date the employer begins commercial motor vehicle operations.



Acute

Violations Discovered

BASIC Impacted Controlled

Rating Factor 2: Driver = Part 382

State Total Substances/Alcohol Fed

Checked

1

Fed State Total

1

Drivers/Vehicles in Violation

Fed

State

Total

Example/Notes:

Driver: Justin Ward

Trip date: 09/25/2024 Wathena, KS to Mound City, MO

Carrier failed to implement an alcohol and/or controlled substances testing program

Checked

Fed State Total

2. Primary: 395.8(a)(1)

Failing to require a driver to prepare a record of duty status using the appropriate method.



Critical

At least 10% of the number checked had violations

Violations Discovered

Fed State Total

12 12

Checked

Fed State Total

30

30

BASIC Impacted Hours-of-Service

Compliance

Rating Factor 3: Operational = Part

395

Example/Notes:

Driver: Justin Ward

Trip date: 09/25/2024 Wathena, KS to Mound City, MO

Carrier failed to require driver to prepare record of duty status in form and manner

prescribed

Drivers/Vehicles in Violation

Fed

State **Total**

1

1

Checked

Fed State

1

1

Total

3. Primary: 395.11(c)

Failing to retain supporting documents as required by section 395.11(c).

Critical

At least 10% of the number checked had violations

Violations

Discovered

Fed State Total

4

4

Checked

Fed State Total

7

7

BASIC Impacted Hours-of-Service Compliance

Rating Factor 3: Operational = Part

395

Example/Notes:

Driver: Justin Ward

Trip date: 09/25/2024 Wathena, KS to Mound City, MO

Carrier provided four supporting documents that failed to list nearest city or location

Drivers/Vehicles in Violation

Fed State Total
1 1

1 Checked

1

Fed State Total

1

4. Primary: 396.17(a)

Using a commercial motor vehicle not periodically inspected.



Critical

At least 10% of the number checked had violations

Violations Discovered

Fed State Total

3

Checked

3

3

Fed State Total

3

BASIC Impacted Rating Factor 4: Vehicle Maintenance Vehicle = Part 396

Example/Notes:

Driver: Justin Ward

Trip date: 09/25/2024 Wathena, KS to Mound City, MO

Vehicle: 2006 Freightliner M2 (VIN 8655) towing a 2015 Horton trailer

(VIN 1562)

Using a commercial motor vehicle not periodically inspected

Drivers/Vehicles in Violation

Fed State Total

Checked

Fed State Total

3

3

Total

5. Primary: 367

State Equivalent: KSA 66-1,139a

Failure to pay Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) fees

Violations Discovered

Fed State Total

1 1

Checked

1

Fed State Total

1

Example/Notes:

Driver: Justin Ward

Trip date: 09/25/2024 Wathena, KS to Mound City, MO

Failure to pay Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) fees while operating in interstate

commerce

Drivers/Vehicles in Violation

Fed State

Checked

3

Fed State Total

6. Primary: 392.2

State Equivalent: KSA 8-142 et sec

Failing to obtain Kansas commercial registration

Violations Discovered

Fed State Total

3

Example/Notes:	Drivers/V	ehicles in Vi	iolation
	Fed	State	Total
Driver: Justin Ward	3		3
Trip date: 09/25/2024 Wathena, KS to Mound City, MO	Checked		
Failing to obtain Kansas commercial registration - carriers power units were registered with county registration and carriers trailer has not had valid registration since 2019	Fed	State	Total
The county registration and carriers trainer has not had valid registration since 2015	3		3
7. Primary: 382.711(b)	Violations	Discovered	
Failing to register in the Clearinghouse.	Fed	State	Total
	1		1
	Checked		
	Fed	State	Total
	1		1
Example/Notes:	Drivers/V	ehicles in Vi	olation
	Fed	State	Total
Driver: Justin Ward	1		1
Trip date: 09/25/2024 Wathena, KS to Mound City, MO	Checked		
Carrier failed to register in the Clearinghouse	Fed	State	Total
	1		1
8. Primary: 383.71(h)	Violations	Discovered	
Operating a CDL-required vehicle that is non-exempted and the driver has self-certified as	Fed	State	Total
excepted interstate or excepted intrastate.	1		1
	Checked		
	Fed	State	Total
	1		1
Example/Notes:	Drivers/Ve	ehicles in Vi	olation
	Fed	State	Total
Driver: Justin Ward	1		1
Trip date: 09/25/2024 Wathena, KS to Mound City, MO	Checked		
Operating a CDL-required vehicle that is non-excepted and the driver is self-certified as a category 2 excepted interstate.	Fed	State	Total
category & excepted interstate.	1		1
	-		-

Checked

Fed

3

Total

3

State

Violations Discovered 9. Primary: 390.19T(b)(2) Total Failing to file the appropriate form under 390.19(a) (MCS-150, 150B, or 150C) each 24 Fed State months according to the schedule. 1 1 Checked Fed State Total 1 1 **Drivers/Vehicles in Violation Example/Notes:** State Total Driver: Justin Ward Trip date: 09/25/2024 Wathena, KS to Mound City, MO Checked Carrier has not updated the MCS-150 since April 2021 Fed State Total **Violations Discovered** 10. Primary: 391.45(a) **Secondary: 391.11(a)** Fed State Total Using a driver not medically examined and certified. 1 Checked Fed State Total 1 1 **Drivers/Vehicles in Violation Example/Notes:** Fed State Total Driver: Justin Ward 1 1 Trip date: 09/25/2024 Wathena, KS to Mound City, MO Checked Driver was operating a CMV without being medically examined and certified Fed State Total 1 1 **Violations Discovered** 11. Primary: 391.51(a) Fed State Total Failing to maintain driver qualification file on each driver employed. 1

Checked

Fed State Total
1 1

Example/Notes:

Driver: Justin Ward

Trip date: 09/25/2024 Wathena, KS to Mound City, MO

Drivers/Vehicles in Violation

Fed	State	Total
1		1
Checked		

Carrier failed to maintain driver qualification file on each driver employed	Fed	State	Total
	1		1
12. Primary: 396.3(b)(3)	Violations	Discovered	
Failing to keep a record of inspection, repairs and maintenance indicating their date and	Fed	State	Total
nature.	3		3
	Checked		
	Fed	State	Total
	3		3
Example/Notes:	Drivers/V	ehicles in Vi	olation
	Fed	State	Total
Driver: Justin Ward	3		3
Trip date: 09/25/2024 Wathena, KS to Mound City, MO			J
Vehicle: 2006 Freightliner M2 (VIN 8655) towing a 2015 Horton trailer (VIN 8655)	Checked Fed	State	Total

Safety Fitness Rating

Your proposed safety rating is: **CONDITIONAL** 1 UNSATISFACTORY rating factor and 2 or fewer CONDITIONAL rating factors. Corrective actions must be taken for any violations (deficiencies) identified in this report. See below for more information.

RATING FACTORS	RATING	ACUTE	CRITICAL
Factor 1: General = Parts 387 and 390	Satisfactory	0	0
Factor 2: Driver = Parts 382, 383 and, 391	Conditional	1	0
Factor 3: Operational = Parts 392 and 395	Unsatisfactory	0	2
Factor 4: Vehicle = Parts 393 and 396	Conditional		1
OOS Vehicles (CR): 0			
Number of Vehicles Inspected (CR): 0			
OOS Vehicles (MCMIS): 0			
Number of Vehicles Inspected (MCMIS): 0			
OOS Rate: 0%			
Factor 5: Haz. Mat. = Parts 397, 171, 177 and, 180	N/A	N/A	N/A
Factor 6: Accident Factor = Recordable Rate	Satisfactory	N/A	N/A
Total Miles Operated: 15,000			

Recordable Accidents: 0

Recordable Accidents/Million Miles: 0.00

Effective date: You will receive an official notice of proposed safety rating from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in Washington, D.C. The Conditional rating will take effect 60 days after the date of the official notice.

However, if this rating improves a previous Unsatisfactory rating, it will become effective on the date of the official notice from the FMCSA headquarters.

You may request a safety rating upgrade based on corrective action under 49 CFR 385.17 and/or an administrative review under 49 CFR 385.15.

Change to safety rating based on corrective action: You may request a change to a safety rating under 49 CFR 385.17 at any time by providing evidence that you have taken actions to correct the deficiencies that resulted in the safety rating. You must make this request in writing to the Field Administrator for the FMCSA Service Center in which you maintain your principal place of business. A pending request for a change in safety rating under 49 CFR 385.17 will not delay the effective date of the rating.

Administrative Review: You may appeal your proposed safety rating in a petition filed under 49 CFR 385.15 if you believe FMCSA made an error in assigning your safety rating. You must submit your appeal within 90 days of the date of the proposed safety rating or within 90 days after denial of a request for a change in rating under section 385.17(i). If the safety rating improves a previous Unsatisfactory rating, it becomes effective immediately and you must submit your appeal within 90 days of the final safety rating. A petition under section 385.15 will not delay the effective date of the rating unless the Chief Safety Officer grants a stay.

You must submit your appeal in writing to: Chief Safety Officer, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

DataQs: If you dispute the violations recorded in the Violations section of this investigation report, and the violations were not used in the calculation of your safety rating, you may submit a Request for Data Review (RDR) through DataQs. The DataQs system is the method to remove violations that did not affect your safety rating. DataQs is an online system that allows a motor carrier or driver to request and track a review of Federal and State issued data that it believes to be incomplete or incorrect. To submit an RDR, go to https://dataqs.fmcsa.dot.gov.

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Process Breakdown and Remedies

None

Recommendations

1. Acute and Critical Violations

Acute and/or Critical violations were recorded on this investigation report. These violations will impact your safety record.

NOTICE: A pattern and/or repeated violations of the same or related acute or critical regulations (violations of the same Part in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations) will cause the maximum penalties allowed by law to be assessed under Section 222 of the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 (MCSIA). A pattern of violations means two or more violations of acute and/or critical regulations in three or more Parts of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations discovered during any eligible investigation. Repeated violations means violation(s) of an acute regulation of the same Part of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations discovered in an investigation after one or more closed enforcement actions within a six-year period and/or violation(s) of a critical regulation in the same Part of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations discovered in an investigation after two or more closed enforcement actions within a six-year period.

2. Additional Information

Please visit the CSA outreach site for additional guidance: https://csa.fmcsa.dot.gov.

CDL and drug testing rules apply.

Review the circumstances under which a CDL is required. CDL and drug testing rules apply to both interstate and intrastate commerce.

4. Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse

Find out your responsibilities and requirements for FMCSA's Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse by visiting https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov .

5. Clearinghouse Registration - Employer

Ensure you are registered in the Clearinghouse by visiting https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov.

6. Clearinghouse Driver Consent

Ensure driver consent has been obtained and is on file before conducting a limited query.

7. Clearinghouse Annual Query

Ensure annual queries are conducted in the Clearinghouse at least once per year. You may conduct a full or limited query to fulfill this requirement.

8. Clearinghouse Registration - Owner/Operator

As a registered Owner/Operator you must designate a C/TPA in the Clearinghouse to comply with the employer requirements related to your own drug and alcohol program compliance. You may continue to perform the employer functions for any other drivers that you employ who are subject to the requirements of 49 CFR Part 382.

9. Maintain a complete file documenting the qualification process.

Ensure that all drivers are fully and properly qualified before operating in interstate commerce. Maintain a complete file as required for each driver, documenting the qualification process.

10. Drivers may not drive interstate unless they have had a physical.

Do not allow drivers to drive interstate unless they have been physically re-examined each 24 months.

11. Drug and Alcohol Testing Company Policy (Educational Materials)

Provide employees with a written controlled substance and alcohol testing policy that complies with all the requirments noted in Part 382.601(b). Also, ensure you maintain a certificate signed by the employee certifiing they have recieved your company drug and alcohol testing pollicy.

12. Driver drug tests required.

Ensure that all drivers subject to pre-employment, random, reasonable cause, post accident, return to duty, and/or follow-up controlled substance testing are tested as required by 49 CFR Parts 40 and 382 of the FMCSR.

13. Alcohol Testing

Ensure that all alcohol testing is conducted immediately before or after the period that employees are performing a safety-sensitive function. Drivers can be tested on their day off only for controlled substances. Once notified of their selection, drivers must proceed immediately to the testing facility. If a driver refuses to go, this should be considered as equivalent to a positive result.

14. KCC for all investigations

For all Investigations that could result in a Penalty Order:

PLEASE NOTE: The violations discovered during this compliance review may affect the civil penalty proposed in any subsequent

Penalty Order. In addition, your history of prior violations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, Federal Hazardous Material Regulations and/or the Federal Motor Carrier Commercial Regulations may also affect the civil penalty proposed for JUSTIN WARD DBA CERTA FOAM, USDOT #2812191. Your signature for receipt of this report acknowledges your understanding that the violations discovered by the KCC during this review may be used to calculate any civil penalty proposed as a result of this review. Your signature is not an admission of the violations identified. Information on your compliance status, roadside inspections, regulatory changes, accident countermeasures and hazardous material incident prevention manual is available on the Internet at the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's web site at http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/ and http://www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov/. For all Investigations that did not result in a Cooperative Safety Plan: The KCC requires that you prepare a corrective action plan (CAP), addressing the measures taken to correct all violations identified within this report. Submit this letter within 30 days outlining the carrier's updated changes to their policies and procedures regarding all listed violations. Explain in detail how, as a carrier representative, you will rectify these deficiencies and prevent their reoccurrence going forward. Include any supporting documentation and evidence as indicated in the recommendations above (example: vehicle inspections performed, proof of drug and alcohol testing in place, etc.) necessary to prove that corrective action has been taken. Submit the letter along with copies of your supporting evidence to: e-mail: j.smith@kcc.ks.gov FAX: 785-271-3124; or mail to;

Kansas Corporation Commission

Attn: Jared Smith

1500 SW Arrowhead Road

Topeka, KS 66604-4027

I acknowledge that these requirements and/or recommendations have been discussed with me and my questions have been answered. I understand that failure to satisfactorily remedy the above-listed requirements, and/or failure to comply with Kansas Motor Carrier Safety Statutes and Regulations could result in the suspension of JUSTIN WARD DBA CERTA FOAM authority and/or the impoundment of JUSTIN WARD DBA CERTA FOAM'S Commercial Motor Vehicles.

15. MCS-150 biennial updates

Is Your Registration Information Current?

FMCSA requires carriers to update their registration data via a MCS-150 form every 24 months. Please review, verify and update your contact information, Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) and Power Unit (PU) data to ensure that it is current and accurate, since it is used in the new Carrier Safety Measurement System. You should access the system, review all the information and press the submit button. Once you've done this, the system will record that you've reviewed the information and you will be in compliance with the biennial update requirement.

https://li-public.fmcsa.dot.gov/LIVIEW/PKG_REGISTRATION.prc_option

16. UCR (Unified Carrier Registration)

The UCR Application form can be obtained from https://www.ucr.in.gov.

17. Guide to understanding Federal safety regulations is available at website

FMCSA's "MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY PLANNER" is a free online guide with forms and documents that can help you better understand and comply with safety regulations. Check: https://csa.fmcsa.dot.gov/safetyplanner

18. Ensure that all vehicles are properly marked.

Ensure that all vehicles are properly marked with your name or trade name and U.S. DOT number. If your vehicles are also periodically operating for other carriers, they must be marked with that carrier's name and U.S. DOT#.

19. Retain supporting documents for 6 months.

Toll receipts and other on-the-road expense receipts, invoices, bills of lading, dispatch records, and other "supporting document" must be kept on file for six (6) months. This requirement also applies to records generated by the use of owner-operators. You may keep legible photocopies in lieu of originals.

20. Require drivers to prepare complete and accurate records.

Require all drivers to prepare complete and accurate records of duty status for each day, and to submit them within 13 days. Maintain all duty status records on file, with all supporting documents, for at least 6 months.

21. Duty status records must be kept on file for 6 months.

Ensure that all documents supporting records of duty status (such as toll, fuel repair and other on-the-road expense receipts, as well as invoices, bills of lading, dispatch records, etc.) are kept on file for at least 6 months.

22. Hours-of-service regulations: 2003

Drivers may drive 11 hours after 10 consecutive hours off-duty, but may not drive beyond the 14th hour after coming on-duty. Drivers may not drive after being on-duty for 60 hours in a seven-consecutive-day period or 70 hours in an eight-consecutive-day period. This on-duty cycle may be restarted whenever a driver takes at least 34 consecutive hours off-duty. Short-haul truck drivers, who routinely return to their place of dispatch after each duty tour and then are released from duty, may have an increased on-duty period of 16 hours once during any seven consecutive day period.

For more information on these regulations, please access the FMCSA website at www.fmcsa.dot.gov.

23. Establish a maintenance records program for all vehicles.

Establish a systematic maintenance records program for all vehicles. Maintain a complete file for each subject vehicle, recording all repair, maintenance and inspection operations performed.

24. Ensure that inspections are done at proper intervals.

Ensure that the persons or entities that perform preventative maintenance inspections on your equipment are abiding by agreed time or mileage intervals. Ensure that records are kept of such periodic preventative maintenance inspections. Take corrective action, if schedules are not being adhered to.

25. For all Investigations resulting in a proposed conditional or unsatisfactory rating

If you believe the proposed rating is in error and there are factual and procedural issues in dispute, Part 385.15 (copy provided) outlines procedures for petitioning the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration for an administrative review of these findings. Your petition should be addressed to:

Sue Lawless - Chief Safety Officer Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590 385.17

In addition, a request for a revised rating based on corrective actions may be made at any time. Part 385.17 (copy provided) outlines the procedures for such a request. The request must be made in writing, must describe the corrective action taken and must include other documentation that may be relied upon as a basis for the requested change. Address your written request to:

Matthew Marrin - Field Administrator Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration 600 Holiday plaza Drive, Suite 240 Matteson, IL 60443 Ensure that a CC copy of the letter is mailed to:

Michael Christopher - Division Administrator Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration 1303 SW First American Place, STE 200 Topeka, KS 66604

Table 1: Violations Discovered During Review/Inspection **Violation Date Identifying Information** Description 367 - Failure to pay Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) fees 09/25/2024 JUSTIN WARD 390.19T(b)(2) - Failing to File MCS-150/150B/150C each 24 months. 09/25/2024 1 JUSTIN WARD 382.115(a) - Failing to implement an alcohol and/or drug testing program 1 09/25/2024 **Driver: JUSTIN WARD** 395.11(c) - Failing to retain supporting documents. 1 09/10/2024 JUSTIN WARD 2 09/16/2024 JUSTIN WARD 3 09/18/2024 JUSTIN WARD 09/23/2024 JUSTIN WARD 4 382.711(b) - Failing to register in the Clearinghouse. 1 09/25/2024 Driver: JUSTIN WARD 396.17(a) - Using a CMV not periodically inspected 1 09/25/2024 Equipment#8655 2 09/25/2024 Equipmen#0415 3 09/23/2024 Equipment# 1562 391.45(a) - Using a driver not medically examined and certified 09/25/2024 **Driver: JUSTIN WARD** 396.3(b)(3) - Failing to keep a record of inspections and repairs 1 09/25/2024 Equipment# 8655 2 Equipment#0415 09/25/2024 09/23/2024 Equipment#1562 383.71(h) - Operating a CDL-required vehicle that is non-exempted and the driver has self-certified as excepted interstate or excepted intrastate. 09/25/2024 Driver: JUSTIN WARD 391.51(a) - Failing to maintain driver qual. file on each driver 09/25/2024 **Driver: JUSTIN WARD** 1 392.2 - Failing to obtain Kansas commercial registration

1 09/10/2024 **JUSTIN WARD**

2 JUSTIN WARD 09/11/2024 3 09/25/2024 JUSTIN WARD

395.8(a)(1) - Failing to require a driver to prepare a RODS using the appropriate method

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11	09/26/2024	JUSTIN WARD
12	09/30/2024	JUSTIN WARD

EXHIBIT

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DRIVER/VEHICLE EXAMINATION REPORT

Kansas Highway Patrol

Email: Khp.TruckInspection@KS.GOV

700 SW Jackson, Ste 704

Topeka, KS 66603

Phone: (785)296-7189 Fax: (785)296-2858

Report Number: KSHP03031758 Inspection Date: 09/25/2024

Inspection Level: I - Full **HM Inspection Type:** None

Carrier: JUSTIN WARD DBA: CERTA FOAM

2383 165TH ROAD

WATHENA, KS, 66090 USDOT: 2812191

Phone#: (816)387-3486

Fax#:

Driver: WARD, JUSTIN W License#:

Date of Birth: CoDriver:

License#: Date of Birth:

State:

State: KS

MC/MX#: State#:

Location: DONIPHAN COUNTY - 043

Highway: ROSEPORT RD W OF K-238

County: Email:

Milepost: Shipper: CARRIER

Origin: MOUND CITY,MO

Destination: WATHENA,KS

Bill of Lading: NONE Cargo: SPRAYFOAM TOOLS

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION

Equipment ID GVWR Unit Type Make Year State <u>Plate</u> VIN CVSA# Issued # OOS Sticker TR FRHT 2006 KS 8655 19500 170233 2 ST TRLR 2015 KS 1562 14000 15 170234

BRAKE ADJUSTMENTS

1 Axle # 2 <u>3</u> 4 N/A N/A N/A Right N/A Left N/A N/A N/A N/A HYDR HYDR ELEC ELEC Chamber

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<u>Section</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>oos</u>	Citation #	Verify	Crash	Violations Discovered
391.41A	F	D	Ν		N	N	No medical certificate in driver's possession: driver stated he does not have a med
	_						card. He has self certified as Excepted Interstate.
392.2RG	F	1	N		N	N	State vehicle registration or License Plate violation: KSA 8-127(a)- over 10,000 lbs
000 0470	-						requires a commercial tag.
390.21TB	F	1	N		N	N	Carrier name and/or USDOT Number not displayed as required: No carrier name or
ana enra	F	4	N.I		NI	N.	USDOT # displayed on either side of the truck.
393.60D	F	1	N		N	N	Glazing permits < 70% of light: Driver's side window measure 7% with Laser labs 100 meter.
392.2UCR	F	1	N		N	N	Failure to pay UCR Fee: Last UCR was in 2019.
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390.19B2-	F	1	N		N	N	Motor Carrier failed to file biennial FMCSA registration update as required.: Last
BIENNIAL	F	4	N		N	K1	updated 4-19-2021.
393.95A	۲	•	N		IN	N	No/discharged/unsecured fire extinguisher: No fire extinguisher in the power unit. Fire extinguisher in trailer is discharged.
393.95F	F	1	N		N	Ν	No / insufficient warning devices: No warning devices in truck.
	F	•					
396.17C	1-	1	N		N	N	Operating a CMV without proof of a periodic inspection: Driver/ owner stated no annual
393.9	F	1	N		N	N	inspection for this truck. Inoperable Required Lamp: Rear passenger side ID light inop.
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393.45D	F	1	Υ		U	N	Brake connections with leaks or constrictions: Air leaking from black tube
200.040	_		v		U	M	coming out of push to connect fitting on back side of air compressor.
392.9A2	F	1	Υ		U	N	Failing to secure vehicle equipment: Spare tire for trailer laying on flatbed of truck with no securement. No tailboard.
396.17C	F	2	N		N	N	Operating a CMV without proof of a periodic inspection: None located. Driver stated
380.170	•	2	14		14	14	there is not an annual inspection for the trailer.
393.9	F	2	N		N	N	Inoperable Required Lamp: Rear ID lights, driver and center inop and passenger is
000.0	•		• •			••	white light. Passenger rear clearance lamp inop.
393,43	F	2	Υ		U	N	No/improper breakaway or emergency braking: No breakaway cable attached to
							towing unit. Pin missing from breakaway box.
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HazMat: No HM transported Placard: Cargo Tank:

Special Checks: No data for special checks



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DRIVER/VEHICLE EXAMINATION REPORT

Kansas Highway Patrol Report Number: KSHP03031758 Email: Khp.TruckInspection@KS.GOV Inspection Date: 09/25/2024 700 SW Jackson, Ste 704 Start: 4:56 PM CT End: 6:00 PM CT **Topeka, KS 66603** Inspection Level: I - Full Phone: (785)296-7189 Fax: (785)296-2858 HM Inspection Type: None Notes: Trailer is a Horton Vans, INC. Returning from MO. Customer is Kurt Kimble. Foaming a building. Driver stated the trailer weighs around 5K lbs. Placed OOS at his residence. * Pursuant to the authority contained in Title 49, CFR; K.S.A. 66-1,129; K.C.C. Reg. 82-4-3, I hereby declare the above marked unit(s) as "OUT OF SERVICE". No person and/or carrier shall permit and/or require the removal of the "OUT OF SERVICE" stickers or the operation of this motor vehicle until ALL out of service defects have been corrected. This Out of Service condition may result in the assessment of a Civil Penalty being issued against the Carrier indicated on this report. Driver Initials * NOTE TO MECHANIC: The undersigned certifies that all mechanical defects listed on this report HAVE BEEN CORRECTED at the time of signature. Facility: Signature Of Repairer X: Date: **** DRIVER: THIS FORM IS REQUIRED TO BE RETURNED TO THE CARRIER BY REGULATION. **//** *CARRIER CERTIFICATION: All defects on this sheet must be corrected or acknowledged PRIOR TO RE-DISPATCH and then certified by a responsible carrier official who must sign below. RETURN THIS FORM WITHIN 15 DAYS to the Motor Carrier Division of the KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL at the address listed at the top of this form. Signature Of Motor Carrier X: _ Title: Date: Report Prepared By: ID/Badge #: Copy Received By: D. E. WILLS JUSTIN WARD 0303



INVOICE

Certa Foam LLC 2383 165th Rd WATHENA, KS 66090 certafoam@gmail.com +1 (816) 387 3486

Bill to

Trevor Construction

Invoice details

Invoice no.: 1010 Terms: 15 Days

Invoice date: 10/11/2024 Due date: 10/26/2024

#	Date	Product or service	Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
1.		2' Closed Cell	Walls	1683	\$2.65	\$4,459.95
2.		2' Closed Cell	Roof	1901	\$2.65	\$5,037.65
3.		2' Closed Cell	Gable	289	\$2.65	\$765.85

Ways to pay	Total	\$10,263.45
BANK	Payment	-\$10,263.45
	Balance due	\$0.00

Paid in Full

View invoice online

Scan code or go to the link below to view the invoice online $\underline{\text{View invoice}}$



🕑 🖔 UCR Registration

DOT or Carrier Name *

2812191

Generated EST: 11-19-2024

Generated Local: 2024-11-19 09:16

Unregistered 2025

Unregistered 2024

2812191

JUSTIN WARD

Legal Name: USDOT#:

Principal:

DBA:

2383 165TH ROAD WATHENA, KS 66090-4209 USA CERTA FOAM

2383 165TH ROAD WATHENA, KS 66090-4209 USA

Mailing:

History

ENFORCEMENT LOGIN

From: Donald Lee [KDOR] <<u>Donald.Lee@KS.GOV</u>>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 10:27 AM
To: Brian Llamas [KCC] <<u>Brian.Llamas@ks.gov</u>>

Subject: RE: Justin Ward DBA Certa Foam USDOT #2812191

Hi Brian, we have a mess here:

I'll start with they have not had a commercial account since 2019 when they had the following vehicles registered (you might want to look for these plate numbers)

• 2015 GMC Yukon VIN 0605 Plate # (USDOT 2812191)
• 2017 Jeep Wrangler VIN 1665 Plate # USDOT 2812191)
 Records shows he still owns it so plate needs to be removed if seen
• 2015 Chev Silverado VIN 0742 Plate # (USDOT 2812191)
 Record shows it is on standard county registration now still owned by him
• 2006 Dodge VIN 9554 Plate # (USDOT 2812191)
 Record shows it is on standard county registration now still owned by him
• 2005 GMC VIN 3008 Plate # (USDOT 2812191)
 Record shows it is on standard county registration now still owned by him
• 2015 Horton Hauler VIN 1562 Plate # (USDOT 2812191)
 No registration since 2019 needs to be brought current
• 2013 HHTC 6454 Plate # (USDOT 2812191)
 Record shows it is on standard county registration now still owned by him
• 2017 PJ VIN 3752 Plate # (USDOT 2812191)
 Record shows it is sold and owned by a John Kampsen
• 2010 Jeep Truck VIN 4585 Plate # (USDOT 2812191)
 No owner information on this unit.

Units in spreadsheets should be commercially registered but have current county registration attached.

Trailers are in Red above.

Program Consultant & Compliance
IRP Peer Review Committee Member Region 3 Chair
Division of Vehicles Commercial Motor Vehicle Team
Kansas Department of Revenue

Phone: 785-368-6531

Donald.lee@ks.gov / www.ksrevenue.org

"Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a preey and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside in a cloud of smoke, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming "WOW! What a Ride!"" (Hunter S. Thompson)



Registration Inquiry See Also: Vehicle Ownership History Vehicle Transaction History

- Vehicle							
VIN	D415		Туре	Truck			
Vehicle	2010 CHEVROLET Silverado 35	00 PK	Colors	Black			
Weight	6308		GVWR				
Cylinders			List Price	\$37,740.00			
Odometer	148722 Miles - Actual		Vehicle #	10157740			
Sq. Footage			MGVW or GC	W 6309			
NCIC Vehicle Type	Truck (TK)		Effective Date	Purchased GVW Amount	GVW Class Purchased	Declared Weight	End Date
Class Code	26						
Sanctions			Designations	5	5. 45. 15. 15. 15. 16. 16. 16. 16. 16. 16. 16. 16. 16. 16		
Title				177-16			
Title Number	AB0010389		Title Type	Regular		Replacement	No
Title Status	Approved		Status since	6/26/2020			
Title Issue Date (Title Approved Date)	6/26/2020		Owner Relati	ionship			
SI Application Exists	Na		Certificate of	f Compliance			
Security Interests Exist	s No			***************************************		····	
Plate							
Plate #			Plate Type	Standard			
NCIC Plate Type	-1		Plate Forma				
Assignment Date	6/11/2020		Personalized	i No			
Registration							
Start Date End Date ^{Tr}	ansaction Annual Tonnage Usag Date Fee	e Plate Plate P Type Sta	ate Status Carrier Itus Date	Tracking Number Deci Weig	ared Current Prior Int	Tax Unit Decal Numb	er Exemption Resson
12/01/2024 11/30/2025 12 10 AM	104:17	er Standard Shi	oped 6/22/2020 USPS 940 12:44:11 PM	0109202043504132995 1200	0 54.17 0.00 0.18	0 819NBR11250	1
Customers							
Relationship	Priority Start Date	Stops Exist	Name		Address		
Owner 1	06/11/2020		Ward, Justin Wayne	1205 Randolph Rd . V	Wathena KS 660904061		

End

Date

GVW Class

Declared

Weight

Registration Inquiry

See Also: Vehicle Ownership History Vehicle Transaction History

Security Interests Exists No

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VIN 8655 Type White 2006 FREIGHTLINER M2 106 D Colors Vehicle Weight 14000 GVWR

List Price \$121,944,00 Cylinders 11365475 Odometer 111042 Miles - Actual Vehicle # 14001

MGVW or GCW Sq. Footage Effective **Purchased GVW** NCIC Vehicle Type Truck (TK) Amount

Class Code 52 Sanctions Designations

Title Replacement Title Number AB4052602 Title Type Regular No 3/12/2024 Title Status Approved Status since Title Issue Date (Title 3/12/2024 Owner Relationship Approved Date) Certificate of Compliance SI Application Exists

Date

-- Plate Standard Plate Type Plate # NCIC Plate Type Plate Format Assignment Date 2/23/2024 Personalized No

Registration Plate Type Plate Status Carrier Tracking Declared Current Prior Int Unit Decai Number Weight Transaction Annual Tonnage Usage Date Fee Start Date End Date Plate Standard Ordered 2/27/2024 4:01:42 AM 0.00 0.00 D 4092ACC022501 01/01/2024 12/31/2024 2/23/2024 4:16:26 PM 24000 0.00 \$297.00 7

Customers Address Stops Exist Relationship Priority Start Date Name 1205 Randolph Rd , Wathena KS 660904061 Ward, Justin Wayne 02/23/2024

On Tuesday, November 19, 2024, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm Eastern Time, the Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS) Gateway will be intermittently unavailable due to scheduled system maintenance. Clearinghouse users may experience issues verifying driver information during this maintenance time.



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Search for a Driver

Country of Issuance (optional)

country

State of Issuance (optional)

state

Driver Name or CDL

Search

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Search for an Employer

USDOT#

2812191

or

Company Name

Country (optional)

country

State (optional)

state

There is no employer account associated with the DOT Number you entered. Please confirm the DOT Number is correct.

You can also try searching by motor carrier name (partial or full) and State/country, in case the carrier does not have a DOT Number associated with their Clearinghouse account.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

25-TRAM-314-PEN

I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of

first class mail and electronic service on	03/11/2025	,
AHSAN LATIF, LITIGATION COUNSEL KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION 1500 SW ARROWHEAD RD TOPEKA, KS 66604 ahsan.latif@ks.gov	Justin Ward, OWNEF Justin Ward D/B/A Certa Foam 2383 165th Road Wathena, KS 66090	₹
	/S/ KCC Docket Room	

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