



# Important Notice

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## International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) Renewal 2004 Licenses and Decals

To: Law enforcement agencies  
District attorneys  
Executive officials of municipalities  
Judges, magistrates, town justices, and village justices

All 2003 IFTA licenses and decals will expire on December 31, 2003. New IFTA licenses and decals for 2004 will be issued by the various IFTA member jurisdictions for use beginning December 1, 2003. **The 2004 IFTA decals will be green with white lettering.**

To give carriers ample opportunity for compliance, the 2003 IFTA licenses and decals continue to be valid and may be displayed during January and February 2004. Therefore, during the period December 1, 2003, through February 29, 2004, either the 2003 or the 2004 IFTA license and decals are valid and may be displayed.

Beginning March 1, 2004, only the 2004 IFTA licenses and decals will be valid and must be displayed. All 2003 decals must be removed from the qualified motor vehicles, and the licenses and decals must be destroyed. On or after March 1,

2004, a carrier operating a qualified motor vehicle without a valid 2004 IFTA license and decals may be issued a citation under section 1815(a)(1)(A)(ii) of the Tax Law.

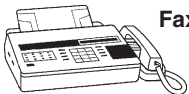
The issuance of 2004 IFTA licenses and decals does not affect fuel use tax trip permits. These permits are valid for the period shown on the permit.

**Note:** Generally, vehicles subject to the highway use tax (HUT) and IFTA must have both an HUT/AFC (Automotive Fuel Carrier) permit and sticker, and an IFTA license and decals, to operate in New York State. However, for information concerning exemptions from the highway use tax or from the fuel use tax, see Publication 529, *Guide for Law Enforcement Officials*. To get a copy of Publication 529, see *Need help?* below.

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