

7800.2500 LEASED EQUIPMENT.

A motor carrier may lease motor equipment from the owner thereof for use in operations conducted pursuant to the motor carrier's permit or certificate. The lease may include the services of a driver and nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require that such a driver be an employee of the motor carrier lessee.

The purpose of these leasing rules is to ensure that the primary responsibility for the conduct of regulated motor carrier operations remains in the authorized motor carrier, and that the members of the public using motor carrier services are clearly advised of the identity of the responsible carrier, and that the leasing of equipment by an authorized motor carrier from an owner thereof is not a subterfuge for leasing the carrier's permit or certificate to the owner-lessor.

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