"Let Me Explain…"

An ELD Annotations Guide

WHAT

ARE ANNOTATIONS?

notes or comments that a driver or motor carrier enters into an ELD record to provide more detail on their hours of service, such as why a log edit was made or to note the use of a special exception

Common annotations explain:

- Personal use of a CMV
- A log edit
- Why a movement qualifies as a "yard move"
- On-duty time
- Use of an exception

WHEN

ARE ANNOTATIONS REQUIRED?

- A log edit
- PC or yard moves
- Use of an exception
- Other (when prompted)

WHY

SHOULD I ANNOTATE?

Avoid risk

Maximum fine per violation

Failing to enter required annotations
$1,292

Missing annotations (driver)
$3,923

Missing annotations (motor carrier)
$15,691

Roadside Inspection Citations

1K Failure to annotate **ELD records**

Almost 1,000 drivers cited for failing to annotate ELD records

274 Failure to annotate **special driving category or exempt status**

274 drivers cited for failing to annotate special driving category or exempt status

HOW

MUCH SHOULD I ANNOTATE?

At least 4 characters (including spaces), but no more than 60 characters total are required for each annotation.

Annotation character count

× × × 4 • • • • • 10 • • • • • • • • • 20
• • • • 25 • • • • • • • • • 35 • • • • •
41 • • • • • • • • 50 • • • • • • • • • 60