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TEA-21, section 5115

# International Trade Traffic Carried by Highways

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## TEA-21, section 5115

- *Study.--The Director shall carry out a study--*
  - q *to measure the ton-miles and value-miles of international trade traffic carried by highway for each state*
  - q *to evaluate the accuracy and reliability of such measures for use in the formula for highway apportionments*
  - q *to evaluate the accuracy and reliability of the use of diesel fuel data as a measure of international trade traffic by state*
  - q *to identify needed improvements in long-term data collection programs to provide accurate and reliable measures of international traffic for use in the formula for highway apportionments*



## Section 5115 (Cont.)

- *Basis for Evaluations.--The study shall evaluate the accuracy and reliability of measures for use as formula factors based on statistical quality standards developed by the Bureau in consultation with the Committee on National Statistics of the National Academy of Sciences*



## Section 5115 (Cont.)

- *Report.--Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director shall submit to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report on the results of the study carried out under paragraph (1), including recommendations for changes in law necessary to implement the identified needs for improvements in long-term data collection programs*



# Origins

- *Early 97 – Informal discussions with Environment & Public Works Committee staff for Chrm. Chafee and Sen. Moynihan and BTS staff on truck traffic*
- *May 97 – “Truck Movements in America: Shipments From, To, Within, and Through States”*
- *July 97 – Letter from Sen Moynihan to BTS to include imports*
- *Sep 97 – Response from BTS to Sen Moynihan*



# Getting Started

- *Nov 98 – BTS requests National Interest Determination for total next export detail files*
- *Jan 99 – Census determines existing transborder data satisfies BTS data requirements*
- *Dec 99 – DOT announces final results of 97 CFS*



# The Analysis

- *Mar 01 – DOT and DOE sign Interagency Agreement for ORNL to conduct the analysis*
- *Aug 02 – ORNL delivers tables of ton-miles & value-miles to BTS*
- *May 03 – Draft report submitted for DOT, OMB, and Census Bureau review and clearance*



## Next Steps

- *Resolve review comments and revise the draft report*
- *Provide draft report to Congress as an interim product*
- *Complete CNSTAT Panel Process*
- *Prepare a final report to Congress*