**Section 390.1030 Rules of Construction**

a) In the IMCSR unless the context requires otherwise:

1) Words imparting the singular include the plural;

2) Words imparting the plural include the singular; and

3) Words imparting the present tense include the future tense. (49 CFR 390.7)

b) In the IMCSR:

1) "Officer" includes any person authorized by law to perform the duties of the office;

2) "Writing" includes printing and typewriting;

3) "Shall" is used in an imperative sense;

4) "Must" is used in an imperative sense;

5) "Should" is used in a recommendatory sense;

6) "May" is used in a permissive sense; and

7) "Includes" is used as a word of inclusion, not limitation. (49 CFR 390.7)

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