

This week, FMCSA released updated FAQs on its new hand-held mobile telephone ban to clarify that use of the push-to-talk function on mobile phones is permitted, under certain limited conditions. Specifically, the push-to-talk function on a mobile telephone may be used as long as the driver is not required to reach for, dial, or actually hold the mobile phone while driving. FMCSA states that as long as the “mobile phone is mounted in a cradle or similar device near the driver, or there is a remote push-to-talk button near the vehicle controls” the driver may use the push-to-talk function. [Click here](#) for a link to FMCSA’s updated FAQs on the new mobile phone rule. Contact: Abigail Potter at apotter@trucking.org.