

Vehicle Inspections
INFORMATION BULLETIN
To All Designated Inspection Facilities & Authorized Inspectors

Re: Inspection Decal Recall and Requirements for Re-inspection

Recently, a joint investigation by the Vancouver Police Department and The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement Branch revealed concerns with the quality of inspections performed at two Designated Inspection Facilities:

Mercedes Auto & Repair Ltd., at 4360 Vanguard Road, Richmond, and
Sharma Truck Repair, at 8302 St George Street, Vancouver

As a result of this investigation, both Designated Inspection Facilities have been suspended and decals issued by these facilities have been deemed invalid.

Vehicle owners have been advised by letter to have their vehicles re-inspected to ensure compliance with all regulations and applicable mechanical standards. In addition to the mechanical inspection, vehicles with a status of "rebuilt" must undergo a Structural Integrity Assessment (MV3201) by a trade qualified auto body technician, prior to the provincial mechanical inspection.

For reference, samples of both letters – Commercial / Passenger Vehicles and Private Vehicles - sent out by CVSE are attached below on pages 2,3 and 4.

All provincial inspections must be conducted in accordance with all provincial regulatory and inspection program requirements.

Should any further information be required, please contact your local CVSE Area Vehicle Inspector or the CVSE Vehicle Safety & Standards office at (250) 953-4008 or by e-mail at Vehicle.Safety.Standards@gov.bc.ca

Yours truly,



Suzanne Watson
Senior Manager, National Safety Code / Vehicle Inspection Program
Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement

Commercial Trucks and Trailers & Commercial Passenger Vehicles

January 21, 2010

(Name)
(Address 1)
(Address 2)

Action Required: Vehicle Inspection Decals Recalled

Vehicle:

Recently, a joint investigation by the Vancouver Police department and Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement revealed serious issues with the quality of inspections being performed at two designated inspection facilities:

Mercedes Auto & Repair Ltd., at 4360 Vanguard Road, Richmond, and
Sharma Truck Repair, at 8302 St George Street, Vancouver

It has come to our attention that the above noted vehicle was inspected at one of the above facilities. We are considering these inspections and the resulting inspection decals to be invalid.

Further to our previous notification, you must immediately arrange for reinspection of any vehicle bearing a current inspection decal issued by Mercedes Auto & Repair Ltd. or Sharma Truck Repair before February 13, 2010. Compliance is being closely monitored.

Effective February 14, 2010, any vehicles identified as operating with a decal issued by Mercedes Auto and Repair Ltd. or Sharma Truck Repair will be considered in violation of section 25.07 of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations.

Yours truly,

Suzanne Watson
Senior Manager, National Safety Code / Vehicle Inspection Program

PRIVATE VEHICLES

February 9, 2010

(Name)
(Address 1)
(Address 2)

Vehicle Inspection

Vehicle:

Vehicle Status:

Recently, a joint investigation by the Vancouver Police Department and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement Branch revealed concerns with the quality of inspections performed at two Designated Inspection Facilities:

- **Mersedes Auto & Repair Ltd.**, at 4360 Vanguard Road, Richmond, and
- **Sharma Truck Repair**, at 8302 St George Street, Vancouver

Records indicate that a private vehicle, registered to you, was recently inspected at one of the above facilities. As a result of the investigation, this inspection is considered invalid. Accordingly, before March 31, 2010, your vehicle must be re-inspected.

Private vehicles are required to be inspected for the following reasons:

- the vehicle is new to BC;
- the vehicle was salvaged and subsequently rebuilt; or
- a Peace Officer has issued a Notice and Order requiring the vehicle to be taken to a Designated Inspection Facility to be inspected.

All vehicles meeting any of these criteria are required to undergo a mechanical inspection at a Designated Inspection Facility. In addition, if the vehicle status identified above is "Rebuilt", prior to the mechanical inspection at a Designated Inspection Facility, the vehicle must pass a structural integrity inspection. This inspection must be conducted at an auto body shop by a trade qualified auto body technician before the vehicle is taken to the Designated Inspection Facility for mechanical inspection.

A hold has been placed on your vehicle registration through the ICBC data base so that no vehicle transactions can take place until the vehicle has passed the re-inspection. A copy of the passed inspection report(s) will need to be presented, to an ICBC auto plan broker, for any future vehicle transactions.

Effective April 1, 2010, vehicles operating with a mechanical inspection issued by Mercedes Auto & Repair Ltd. or Sharma Truck Repair will be considered in violation of section 25.07 of the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations*.

A list of the Designated Inspection Facilities in BC can be found on our web site at:
http://cvse.ca/vehicle_inspections.htm

We are working with the Motor Vehicle Sales Authority of BC (VSA) as part of this investigation. The VSA administers and enforces regulations pursuant to the *Motor Dealer Act* and the *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Act* as they apply to the sale of motor vehicles by licensed motor dealers and salespeople.

If the motor vehicle identified in this letter was originally inspected by Mercedes Auto Repair Ltd or Sharma Truck Repair on behalf of a licensed motor dealer, you may choose to contact the selling motor dealer. If the motor dealer fails to make arrangements to properly re-inspect your vehicle, you should contact the VSA – Consumer Services Department at 604-574-5050 - ext. #709, or toll-free at 1-877-294-9889 or visit their website at www.mvsabc.com

Please take a copy of this letter to the Designated Inspection Facility. If you have any questions regarding this letter, you can contact the Ministry at 250 953-4042.

Yours truly,

Suzanne Watson
Senior Manager, National Safety Code / Vehicle Inspection Program