

Vehicle Inspection and Standards Bulletin

Re: Light Vehicles Imported Into BC

The purpose of this bulletin is to remind all Designated Inspection Facilities, Owner/Operators and Authorized Inspectors that light vehicles imported into British Columbia **must** meet all applicable inspection criteria listed in the Vehicle Inspection Manual (*Inspections Standards (Safety and Repair) Regulation*) before issuing a certificate of approval.

Recently, vehicles imported from Japan have passed inspection and are registered in the province. However, some of these vehicles do not meet the *Motor Vehicle Act*, *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations* or the *Vehicle Inspection Manual* criteria.

Some **examples** of items identified that do not meet inspection criteria include:

- Catalytic converter(s) missing
- Lamps, lens, bulbs and reflex reflectors not meeting SAE, DOT standards and marked as such
- Daytime running lamps missing
- High mounted stop lamp missing
- Rear side marker reflex reflectors missing
- Headlamps designed for right hand drive that do not meet CMVSS
- Windshields not marked AS1, AS2, AS10 or AS14
- Side glass not marked AS1, AS2, AS10 or AS11
- Neutral switch missing

Questions may be directed to your local Motor Vehicle Inspector. Contact numbers can be obtained from the CVSE website at:

http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/CVSE/vehicle_inspections/PDF/MVI_Phone_List.pdf.

Yours truly,



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