

**COMPLIANCE CIRCULAR**

**NO. 01/ 12**

**January 10, 2012**

**SUBJECT: Class exemption from inspection for snow tracked vehicles over 8200kg**

Managers, Victoria  
Motor Vehicle Inspectors  
Passenger Transportation Board  
Deputy Director, CVSE  
Regional CVSE Managers  
Managers, ICBC Licensing  
ADM (Compliance and Consumer  
Services)

Carrier Safety Inspectors  
Government Agents  
Appointed Agents  
Trucking Industry  
Law Enforcement Agencies  
Commercial Transport Insp.  
(Inspection Stations)  
Passenger Transportation Branch

Driver Services Centres  
MOT (Director, Chair  
Transportation Policy)

**PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR**

To exempt snow vehicles that are licenced as commercial vehicles and that have a Licensed Gross Vehicle Weight (LGWV) of more than 8200 kg from the required annual commercial vehicle inspection.

For the purpose of this circular, "**Snow Vehicle**" means a motor vehicle that is:

- 1) designed to travel on snow or ice;
- 2) designed to transport passengers or equipment;
- 3) self-propelled by means of one or more endless belts driven in contact with the ground;
- 4) subject to ICBC licencing and registration and is licenced with a GVW of greater than 8,200kg;  
and
- 5) operates primarily off highway.

**BACKGROUND**

The Commercial Vehicle Inspection Program (CVIP) in British Columbia is a privately-delivered mandatory program which is monitored and regulated by Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement (CVSE), in accordance with Division 25 of the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations*. Commercial vehicles with a LGWV over 8,200 kg must undergo CVIP inspections at designated inspection facilities. CVSE recognizes snow tracked vehicles do not meet inspection criteria in the Vehicle Inspection Manual (2010), and do not conform to standards for on-highway operation as defined in the Motor Vehicle Act and *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations*.

**APPLICATION**

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Director of Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement under section 25.01(3) of the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations*, Snow Vehicles are hereby exempt from the

specific requirements of Division 25 of the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations* that relates to vehicle inspection.

Vehicles operating under this exemption are subject to the following conditions:

1. Must be maintained to all Original Equipment as Manufactured (OEM) Standards and no OEM parts may be altered or modified except as approved in writing by the Original Equipment Manufacturer; and
2. Vehicle owner and/or drivers must initiate and maintain a daily pre and post trip inspection log book in accordance with Division 37.22 of the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulation*.

This exemption applies to the CVIP inspection requirement only, and does not affect any other requirements for Snow Vehicles as prescribed by the Motor Vehicle Act, the Commercial Transport Act, or any other legislation or regulation governing such matters in British Columbia.

Failure to comply with these conditions will void this exemption. Vehicles operating in non compliance will be subject to enforcement actions.

Should any further information be required, please contact Geoff Ford, Technical Advisor, at 250-953-4053 or Brian Kangas, Manager, Vehicle Inspections & Standards at 250-953-4008.

Some examples of snow tracked vehicles may include, but are not limited to:



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bry".

Brian Murray, Director  
Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement  
Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure