



COMPLIANCE CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT: Transportation Network Service (TNS) vehicles specialized light/beacon authorization

Managers, Victoria
Regional CVSE Managers
Area Vehicle Inspectors
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Passenger Transportation Board
Passenger Transportation Branch
Carrier Safety Inspectors
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Law Enforcement Agencies

Commercial Transport Insp.
(Inspection Stations)
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INTENT

As part of the Passenger Transportation Modernization Project to bring ride-hail type vehicles into operation in British Columbia, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement has approved an authorization for a specialized light/beacon for TNS vehicles.

APPLICATION

The use of a specialized light/beacon by TNS drivers is restricted to when a vehicle is in service and available to the public for pick up only. Using such a device is permitted in BC provided that it adheres to the following requirements:

1. Must not exceed 20 cm in height and 19.5 cm in width and length;
2. Installation components must adequately secure the device to the vehicle and the location of the device must not interfere with the safe operation of the vehicle;
3. The device must not have any moving parts;
4. The device must be constructed of a diffusion material and be used for the purpose of identifying the TNS motor vehicle and NOT for the purpose of advertisement;
5. The internal lighting component must display uniformly diffused, non-flashing white light of not more than 32 watts;
6. May present a colour, other than which meets the specifications noted in condition 5, only when stationary and during a pick-up, advising a customer of the TNS/Ride-Hail vehicle;
7. The device display must be static;
8. The lighting control level to be set in a tamper-proof manner;
9. Equipped with a control switch accessible to the vehicle operator while in a normal seated position;
and
10. The device must not replicate any type of emergency vehicle, emergency vehicle lighting, traffic control device or traffic sign.

Should any further information be required, please contact Geoff Ford, Manager, Vehicle Inspections & Standards at (250) 953 4008.

Regards,

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