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**COMPLIANCE CIRCULAR**

**NO. 03/07**

**November 28, 2007**

**SUBJECT:** Provincial Hours of Service rules  
Amendment to Motor Vehicle Act Regulations, Division 37 B.C. Reg. 26/58  
B.C. Reg. 382/07 to add new section 37.11.01, Nov. 23, 2007

Managers, Victoria	Carrier Safety Inspectors	Driver Services Centres
Motor Vehicle Inspectors	Government Agents	MOT (Director, Chair
Passenger Transportation Board	Appointed Agents	Transportation Policy)
Deputy Director, CVSE	Trucking Industry	Supt of Motor Vehicles
Regional CVSE Managers	Law Enforcement Agencies	
Managers, Licensing	Commercial Transport Insp.	
ADM (Compliance and Consumer	(Weigh Scales)	
Services)	Passenger Transportation Branch	

**PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR**

To advise that effective November 28, 2007, the Director, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement Branch (CVSE) will be exempting trucks or truck tractors with weights of 11,794 kg GVW or less, from requirements to comply with the Hours of Service regulation. Hours of Service requirements will not be enforced for trucks or truck tractors in the province with weights of 11,794 kg GVW or less.

Hours of Service requirements will still apply to:

- Trucks or truck tractors licensed with a gross vehicle weight of more than 11,794 kg GVW;
- School busses;
- Vehicles operating under the *Passenger Transportation Act*; and
- Commercial vehicles that have a seating capacity of 10 or more passengers plus the driver.

**BACKGROUND**

New federal Hours of Service rules were brought into force on January 1, 2007 for federal (inter-provincial) carriers. British Columbia brought into force similar Hours of Service rules on March 1, 2007, which generally mirrored federal rules.

The provincial Hours of Service rules have been rolled out, with educational enforcement primarily carried out for commercial vehicles below 11,794 kg GVW until October 31, 2007. During this time, consultations have been carried out with industry and stakeholders regarding the impacts of these new Hours of Service rules. As a result of these consultations and

research, a regulation came into force on November 23, 2007 granting the authority to the Director, CVSE, to exempt commercial motor vehicles between 5,000 kg and 11,794 kg GVW from provincial Hours of Service rules. This Circular grants that exemption by the Director.

Further information can be found at:

[http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/cvse/national\\_safety\\_code.htm](http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/cvse/national_safety_code.htm)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Gilks". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "G" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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