

COMPLIANCE CIRCULAR

NO. 03/09

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SUBJECT: Trailers, Mobile Homes, and Recreational Vehicles – Recognition of United States Recreational Vehicle Industry (RVIA) standards.

Managers, Victoria	Managers, Licensing	Supt of Motor Vehicles
Area Vehicle Inspectors	ADM (Compliance and	Law Enforcement Agencies
Passenger Transportation Board	Consumer Services)	Commercial Transport Insp.
Deputy Director, CVSE	Carrier Safety Inspectors	(Inspection Stations)
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MOT (Director, Chair, Transportation Policy)		

PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR

To advise that Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement (CVSE) will recognize the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Z240 RV and the United States Recreational Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA) certification process for recreational vehicles manufactured or constructed in North America. This updates the *BC Motor Vehicle Act Regulations (MVAR) Division 31.01* which only references CSA Z240 RV and will apply to vehicles manufactured on or after October 1, 1972.

BACKGROUND

BC MVAR Division 31.01 states:

“Trailers, mobile homes or recreational vehicles, and the equipment therein, manufactured on or after October 1, 1972, shall conform in all respects to the standards for trailers, mobile homes or recreational vehicles from time to time made by the Canadian Standards Association, now numbered CSA Standard-Z240 MH Series-92 and Z240 RV Series-M86 (R1992), respectively; and labelled in accordance with such standard.”

CVSE has worked with the Province of Alberta to compare the CSA standards to the RVIA certification process and determined that RVIA standard is substantively equivalent to the recognized CSA Z240.

APPLICATION

Recreational Vehicles that are subject to the MVAR Division 31.01 requirements shall have a mark authorized by the CSA, RVIA or be certified by another method adopted by the CSA indicating vehicle compliance to be considered acceptable under Division 31.01.

This circular and the noted acceptance of the RVIA standard does not supersede any regulation(s) that may be applicable to the connection of utilities for park model trailers as defined in CSA Z240 2.1 (c).

A recreational vehicle shall not be advertised, sold, or leased in BC unless it is shown to be in compliance with this circular.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Gilks', with a stylized, cursive script.

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