

**SUBJECT: Amendments to the BC Commercial Transport Regulations and the BC Motor Vehicle Act - Regulations**

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**PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR**

To identify recent changes (2009) to the **1) BC Commercial Transport Regulations Division 7 *Size and Weight***, and **2) the BC Motor Vehicle Act – Regulations Division 7 *Other Equipment***.

- 1) BC Commercial Transport Regulations B.C. Reg. 30/78 are amended in **Section 7.11(1)(c)(iv)** by striking out “in” and substituting “visible from.” The section now reads**

**LIFT AXLES**

**7.11 (1)** A person must not, without a permit, drive or operate on a highway a vehicle or a combination of vehicles in which a control is provided for varying the weight on an axle or group of axles, unless

(c) the control is an automatic axle lift device that

(iv) is equipped with an on/off control to operate the automatic axle lift device and with a status light visible from the cab to indicate to the driver when the device is activated.

The full version of BC Commercial Transport Regulation Section 7.11 can be viewed at the following web location. <http://www.bclaws.ca>

2) BC Motor Vehicle Act – Regulations B.C. Reg.26/58, are amended in **Section 7.07(1)(c)** by striking out “consisting of a chain or metal cable equal in strength to the principal coupling device” and substituting “with a break strength of not less than the gross weight of the vehicle being towed”. The section now reads

#### **TRAILER CONNECTIONS AND TOWED VEHICLES**

**7.07 (1)** No person shall drive or operate on a highway a motor vehicle and trailer unless

- (c) the vehicles are equipped and connected with an auxiliary coupling device with a breaking strength of not less than the gross weight of the vehicle or vehicles being towed, except that this provision shall not apply where the coupling device is a fifth wheel and kingpin assembly used to couple a semi-trailer to a truck tractor, and

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