

COMPLIANCE CIRCULAR

NO. 09/10

November 3, 2010

SUBJECT: Trailers, Mobile Homes and Recreational Vehicles – Repeal of Circular 03/09 and enforcement of Canadian Standards Association (CSA) standards.

Managers, Victoria	Carrier Safety Inspectors	Driver Services Centres
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Regional CVSE Managers	Commercial Transport Insp.	
Managers, Licensing	(Inspection Stations)	
ADM (Compliance and Consumer Services)		
Passenger Transportation Branch		

Purpose of Circular

This Circular repeals Circular No. 03/09 and provides clarification with regards to standards for recreational vehicles under the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations (MVAR).

Background

Section 31.01 of the MVAR requires trailers, mobile homes and recreational vehicles to comply with CSA standards for trailers, mobile homes or recreational vehicles, specifically CSA Standards-Z240 MH Series-92 and Z240V RV Series-M86 (R1992).

The previous Circular, No 03/09, issued April 16, 2009, recognized the United States Recreational Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA) certification process for recreational vehicles in addition to the CSA Z240 standards referenced in the regulation. This allowed vehicles with a mark authorized by either the CSA or RVIA to be advertised, sold or leased in British Columbia.

After this Circular was issued, the Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement Branch (CVSE) became aware of issues that warrant the repeal of Circular 03/09.

The reference to CSA standards in section 31.01 of the MVAR has caused some confusion. For clarity, the MVAR applies only to vehicle equipment standards while a vehicle is on a highway, and CVSE authority is limited to oversight of these vehicles while on the highway. The CSA standards currently referenced in the regulation include references to safety standards for recreational vehicles both when they are operated on the highway and when they are parked and in use as living quarters.

When recreational vehicles, including mobile homes, are parked or used as living quarters, they must comply with CSA standards as required by other statutes, including the Electrical Safety Regulation under the *Safety Standards Act*. These standards apply to the electrical, propane, plumbing, fire escape and other residential safety standards which fall under the authority of other Ministries. A cross-ministry process is underway to look at providing comprehensive information related to the purchase and importation of recreational vehicles for both consumers and dealers.

Application

Circular 03/09 is repealed.

Recreational vehicles must not be advertised, sold, or leased in British Columbia unless they are in compliance with all applicable legislation, including the MVAR, and complies with the referenced CSA standards.

More information

Information on the federal Registrar of Import Vehicles and importing vehicles into Canada can be found at <http://www.riv.ca/Home.aspx>.

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