

Vehicle Inspection and Standards

NOTICE

To All Designated Inspection Facilities and Authorized Inspectors for Light Vehicles

Re: Inspection of Imported Vehicles

This notice applies to **ALL** Import Vehicles which are required to be inspected under *Motor Vehicle Act Regulation, Division 25* and do not bear either a Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (CMVSS) or US Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) compliance label.

All equipment and safety standards, which apply to the vehicle inspection program, are contained in the Vehicle Inspection Manual, *Motor Vehicle Act (MVA)* and *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations (MVAR)* as well as the applicable safety standards in the CMVSS.

As these vehicles were not manufactured for the Canadian market and are not likely to comply with federal or provincial safety standards, substantial modifications may be required to pass the provincial inspection process.

Some Imported Vehicles, which do not comply with the safety requirements contained in the Vehicle Inspection Manual, have been issued certificates of approval. This action by Authorized Inspectors and Designated Inspection Facility owners does not meet the safety and legal obligations.

NEW INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Effective immediately, the following program guidelines will be implemented which will require all Designated Vehicle Inspection Facilities and Authorized Inspectors performing inspections of Imported Vehicles to do the following:

- Submit all imported vehicle inspection reports electronically (On-line).
- Submit digital photographs of Imported Vehicles which have been issued an approval certificate (decals) to:
 1. Clearly show specific vehicle compliance (ie. headlamps) **and** 2 photos taken at a 45 degree angle 1 front left side and 1 rear right side.
 2. Clearly show original VIN.
- Digital photographs, on line inspection report confirmation number and an explanation of compliance (ie. what parts were used and/or what modifications were done) to be submitted by email to CVSE Technical Advisor brian.kangas@gov.bc.ca.

Vehicle will NOT BE REGISTERED or LICENSED until approved by CVSE Technical Advisor or CVSE Area Vehicle Inspector.

For further information, contact Brian Kangas, Technical Advisor, Vehicle Inspection and Standards at (250) 953 4008 or brian.kangas@gov.bc.ca. To apply for on-line inspection authorization please see our web site at: http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/CVSE/e-forms_project.htm

Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards information can be found on the Transport Canada website at: http://www.tc.gc.ca/acts-regulations/GENERAL/m/mvsa/regulations/mvsrg/toc_mvsg.htm

Regards,



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