

**Vehicle Inspections & Standards**

# **AMENDMENT NOTICE**

**To All Designated Inspection Facilities and Authorized Inspectors**

## **Re: Amendment for Inspection of Anti-Lock Brakes and Manual Slack Adjusters**

As defined on notice 07-11 Amendment of Bulletin 03-10 Inspection of Air Brake Slack Adjusters and notice 08-11 Inspection of Anti-Lock Brakes vehicles must operate primarily on industrial and forestry service roads. Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement (CVSE) has been advised of difficulties experienced by DIF and AI's in determining whether vehicles operate primarily on industrial and/or forest service roads in British Columbia.

To qualify for this exemption an individual or Carrier's vehicle(s) must operate a minimum of 55% by an overall cumulative total time or distance between inspection period intervals. On request of the DIF or Authorized Inspector, the driver must produce verifiable documentation that clearly supports 55% off-road usage, should the percentage of off-road use be in question. This may include:

- Driver log book
- Driver record or chart
- Off-Highway Refund Application FIN -141 under the *Motor Fuel Tax Act*

In addition, drivers and carriers that want to exercise this exemption must go to the Vehicle Inspections website [http://cvse.ca/vehicle\\_inspections.htm](http://cvse.ca/vehicle_inspections.htm) and print or download the Declaration of Exemption. The declaration must be sent to CVSE to certify the exemption with a distinctive mark and once completed will be sent back to applicant.

**Effective May 1, 2012**, on presentation of a completed Declaration of Exemption, Designated Inspection Facilities and Authorized Inspectors may pass the vehicle if certified with a distinctive mark by CVSE.

**On disclosure of a completed Declaration of Exemption vehicles may pass a provincial inspection if so equipped with properly functioning manual slack adjusters and / or non-functioning ABS component(s).**

As part of the Commercial Vehicle Inspection, it is the responsibility of both the Designated Inspection Facility Operator and the Authorized Inspector (AI) to determine whether the vehicle meets all requirements set out on the Declaration of Exemption. See Appendix A and B below.

For application of this amendment, all other braking components must function properly and meet all applicable safety standards before passing.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this change, please contact your local Area Vehicle Inspector found at [http://cvse.ca/vehicle\\_inspections/PDF/MVI\\_Phone\\_List.pdf](http://cvse.ca/vehicle_inspections/PDF/MVI_Phone_List.pdf), [Geoff.Ford@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Geoff.Ford@gov.bc.ca), Technical Advisor by phone at 250-953-4039 or [Jackie.Hucal@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jackie.Hucal@gov.bc.ca), Commercial Transport Secretary at 250-953-4061.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'Brian', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brian Murray, Director,  
Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement  
Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure

## Appendix A



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INDIVIDUAL

### Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement DECLARATION of EXEMPTION

Name	Business Name
Mailing Address	NSC Number
Power Unit Registration Number	Year / Make / Model
Trailer Registration Number (If applicable)	Year / Make / Model
Primary Use	

#### **Re: Vehicle Equipped with Manual Slack Adjusters and / or Non-Functioning Anti Lock Brake (ABS) Components**

To qualify for the inspection exemption of the requirement for vehicles to be equipped with automatic slack adjusters and functioning ABS as defined in Notice 01-12, the applicant must declare, by signature below, that:

1. The vehicle is operated at least 55% on industrial or forestry roads as determined by an overall cumulative total of time or distance (whichever is greater) between inspection period intervals;
2. The driver will, on request of an authorized inspector or CVSE, produce verifiable documentation (i.e.: log book, driver record or Off-Highway Refund Application FIN -141) that clearly support the 55% off-road usage should the percentage of off-road use be in question;
3. The use and maintenance of manual slack adjusters requires continual diligence and skill of both drivers and vehicle maintenance personnel and that all manual slack adjusters will, at all times, be properly adjusted and functioning in a safe manner;
4. Any Motor Vehicle Act Regulation violation or non-compliance in relation to brake system or components will void this exemption,
5. Any misuse or improper application of this exemption may void this exemption; and
6. This exemption must be carried in the vehicle and is not valid outside British Columbia.

By signing this declaration, the applicant acknowledges these conditions and agrees to abide by the terms. On disclosure of this completed declaration to a Designated Inspection Facility (DIF) the indicated vehicle may pass a provincial inspection if so equipped with properly functioning manual slack adjusters and / or non-functioning ABS component(s).

Applicant Signature	Date
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	Exemption #
CVSE Approval	Expiration

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by CVSE

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## Appendix B



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**CARRIER**

### Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement DECLARATION of EXEMPTION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Carrier NSC Number \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Types \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Use \_\_\_\_\_

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