

Vehicle Safety and Standards
NOTICE AMENDMENT

**To All Designated Inspection Facilities and Authorized
Inspectors for Light Vehicles**

Re: Inspection of Imported Vehicles

This notice applies to **ALL** Imported Vehicles which are required to be inspected under *Motor Vehicle Act Regulation, Division 25* and which 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 and non-compliant part replacements may be required to pass the provincial inspection.

WE acknowledge that many facilities have submitted accurate import vehicle inspection reports for approval to CVSE under the new guidelines implemented on February 02, 2007. However, vehicles have also been passed which do not meet the inspection criteria; **this action does not meet the safety obligation and may place your customer in a position to take legal action against the facility and authorized inspector. CVSE can also take action that may lead to a fine or cancellation of the inspection facility license or inspectors authorization granted under the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations*.**

AMENDED INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Effective May 15, 2007, the program guidelines implemented on February 2, 2007 are amended as follows:

All **Designated Vehicle Inspection Facilities** and **Authorized Inspectors** performing inspections of Imported Vehicles must:

- Submit all imported vehicle inspection reports electronically (On-line).
- Take digital photographs of all Imported Vehicles which have been issued an approval certificate (decal) to:
 1. Clearly show specific vehicle compliance (for example - headlamps, reflectors & tires) **and** photos taken at a 45 degree angle 1 front left side and 1 rear right side of vehicle.
 2. 1 photo to clearly show original VIN.
- Retain in your files all digital photographs, on line inspection report confirmation number and a detailed explanation of compliance (i.e. what parts were installed and/or what modifications were done) for submission to CVSE Area Vehicle Inspector upon request or at time of facility audit.

For further information contact your local Area Vehicle Inspector.

For a list of Area Vehicle Inspectors in your area please visit:

http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/cvse/vehicle_inspections/PDF/area_vehicle_inspectors.pdf

To apply for on-line inspection authorization please see our web site at:

http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/CVSE/e-forms_project.htm

Import vehicle information is available at:

http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/CVSE/imported-private_vehicles.htm

Regards,



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