

Vehicle Inspection and Standards <u>NOTICE</u> To Designated Inspection Facilities

<u>Re: Inspection of Vehicles</u>

This notice applies to **ALL** Designated Inspection Facilities which are authorized to conduct inspections of commercial and private vehicles under the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulation, Division 25.*

The Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement Branch (CVSE) is acutely aware that some facilities are not conducting vehicle inspections in accordance with the regulatory requirements. As a result, more facilities will undergo audits conducted by inspectors of the CVSE. **Swift** and **decisive** actions will be taken against any facility responsible for not conducting vehicle inspections to established standards and regulations. Those actions will include immediate suspension of the facility inspection designation, cancellation of the facility inspection designation and/or monetary penalties assigned by way of other enforcement actions. In addition, Authorized Inspectors implicated in faulty inspection results may have their authorization suspended pending cancellation which would result in them not being able to conduct inspections at any facility in the province. **Make no mistake about it**, CVSE is **determined** that the designated inspection facility and authorized inspector programs are going to be effective, as intended.

It is critical that the facility owner ensures that all inspections are conducted in accordance with the regulations and the inspection manual. As well, the operator of a designated inspection facility must comply with Division 25 of the Motor Vehicle Act regulation and in particular with Section 25.12 which categorically outlines the facility operator's responsibilities.

CVSE recognizes that many designated inspection facilities conduct their inspections and operate their facilities in accordance with the regulatory requirements and we appreciate their dedication to the inspection program.

It is extremely important that you understand the message imparted above. CVSE is unequivocally serious and is **not** going to accept vehicle inspection results indicating that a vehicle has passed an inspection at the designated inspection facility when not in compliance with the standards and regulatory requirements. Since **May 14, 2007**, 4 inspection facility designations have been suspended or cancelled. As well, 4 authorized inspector designations have also been suspended. CVSE will be fair, but **YOU** are ultimately responsible for the outcome.

<u>Effective July 31, 2007</u>, CVSE will no longer accept the submission of manual inspection forms. All forms will need to be completed on line through the eform process. Any inspection forms received after this date will be returned to you for electronic submission.

Please ensure that the information contained in the Notice is passed on to each of the authorized inspectors in your facility.

For further information, please contact your local Area Vehicle Inspector. To apply for on-line inspection authorization, please see our web site at: <u>http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/CVSE/e-forms_project.htm</u>

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