

Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement

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Vehicle Safety and Standards

NOTICE

To All Designated Inspection Facilities and Authorized Inspectors for Buses

Re: Inspection of Bus Passenger Seats

This notice is intended to provide direction for the inspection of bus passenger seats as per Vehicle Inspection Manual (December 2001) Bus and School Bus Section 8 – Item 19.

Current vehicle inspection manual criteria for passenger seats includes inspection of the seat frame and requires rejection of the frame if it is not facing front or rear [City (Transit) Buses Exempt].

CVSE has determined that some buses with a GVWR over 4536 kgs. may have been compliantly manufactured with side facing seats and may not currently be in service as a city (transit) bus.

Buses that display a manufactures statement of compliance indicating the vehicle, on the date of manufacturer, met all applicable standards and has NOT had passenger seats changed, altered or located in a manor inconsistent with *Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards* (CMVSS) is not a cause for rejection of the vehicle under item 19.

This acceptance of side facing seats is NOT applicable to school buses operating under a school bus permit and manufactured in compliance with the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) D250 standard.

Should any further information be required, please contact Brian Kangas, Program Coordinator, Vehicle Safety & Standards at (250) 953 – 4008 or brian.kangas@gov.bc.ca

Regards,



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