

SUBJECT: Continuation of Exemption for Diesel Retrofit Requirement

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PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR

On October 1, 2010, the Motor Vehicle Act Regulation Division 40B – Heavy Vehicle Diesel Emission Control Device - came into effect. This regulation requires certain heavy duty diesel vehicles of the model years 1989-1993 with a Licensed Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (LGVW) more than 8,200 kg, be retrofitted with emissions reduction devices.

Many of the required emission control components are currently unavailable for delivery to product dealers or are on back order and will not be available for installation prior to March 31, 2011.

As a result, **the requirement for inspection of Diesel Emission Control Devices is suspended until September 30, 2011 or longer depending on component availability.**

Vehicles that are affected by the regulatory requirements defined in MVAR Division 40B and that have not been retrofitted with a compliant device may pass the provincial commercial inspection for this inspection item without installation of the noted device. The inspection form must indicate a “Pass With Caution” in the power train / exhaust section and a notation or comment indicating that requirements of MVAR 40B are applicable to the vehicle.

Any vehicle that has been retrofitted with a compliant device should be inspected according to the Vehicle Inspection Manual criteria for Diesel Retrofit control device.

BACKGROUND

The diesel retrofit requirement was originally announced by the Minister of Environment in June 2007 as part of the Air Action Plan. The intent of the initiative is to reduce harmful particulate matter emissions from heavy emitting diesel vehicles by at least 20%. Particulate matter is a significant air quality and public health concern and is linked to cardiovascular and respiratory hospitalizations, respiratory diseases, chronic obstructive lung disease, chronic bronchitis, pneumonia, heart disease and lung cancer.

Further information (FAQs) can be found at: www.th.gov.bc.ca/cvse/diesel_retrofit/.
Link to Air Action Plan: <http://www.bcairsmart.ca/>.
For questions on this initiative contact: diesel.retrofit@gov.bc.ca or call 250-356-9797.

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