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To: Law Enforcement and Related Agencies

Concerns in respect to the following deficiencies have been brought to our attention by law enforcement officers, safety officers, inspection station personnel, vehicle owners and members of the motoring public.

These deficiencies are primarily evident on some non-compliant power units and heavy trucks. Included with each deficiency is the applicable section of the legislation or regulation that is being contravened. This information is followed by the applicable section of the commercial vehicle inspection requirements in the event a vehicle owner wishes to dispute a charge on the basis the vehicle recently passed inspection. You may suggest they contact their inspection facility.

This information will be useful to law enforcement and other agency members that enforce provincial laws pertaining to the operation of vehicles on Saskatchewan highways.

- **Exterior Windshield Visors –installed at approximately a 45-degree angle and block more than 30 % of the windshield.**

The Traffic Safety Act-section 246(1): No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway with any object placed on or near the windshield or on or near any window of the vehicle in a manner that obstructs the driver's view.

Inspection Methods and Standards - Section 8 – 17 Windshield

Reject if: obstructions – stickers or device in area swept by wipers. *Includes both internal and external obstructions. Wipers must clear 70% of the windshield.

- **Windshield and Front Side Windows**

The Vehicle Equipment Regulations –sections 64-66: Windshield and front side windows shall not have coatings of sunscreen or reflective material other than that applied by the glass manufacturer.

Inspection Methods and Standards – Section 8 – 17 (d) and 8 - 19 (d)

Reject if: after-market tint or sunscreen present or not marked American National Standards Institute (ANSI) compliant-refer to inspection manual.

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- **Cut Down or Removed Driver Seat Pedestals**

The Vehicle Equipment Regulations – section 57(1): The vehicle shall have a seat for the driver that provides the seated driver with a clear view of the road and reasonable access to all driving controls while the seat belt is correctly worn.

Inspection Methods and Standards - Section 8 – 26 Seats

Reject if: (a) seat pedestal removed or seat assembly not OEM or equivalent.

- **Clearance Lamps**

The Vehicle Equipment Regulations – section 40: A bus, power unit or truck more than 2060 millimetres wide must be equipped with two amber facing forward and two red facing rearward clearance lamps as far apart as practical. Red rearward clearance lamps not required on a power unit as the trailer will be so equipped.

Inspection Methods and Standards - Section 6 – 1(h)

Reject if: not 2 amber present as far apart as practical forward facing and not 2 red present as far apart as practical rearward facing on vehicles over 2060 mm (80 inches) wide. Must also be clearly visible and permanently mounted. Power units exempt from red rearward facing clearance lamps.

- **Identification Lamps**

The Vehicle Equipment Regulations – section 42: A bus, power unit or truck more than 2060 millimetres wide must be equipped with three amber facing forward and three red facing rearward clearance lamps. Note: 6-12 inches required between each lamp. Red rearward identification lamps not required on a power unit as the trailer will be so equipped.

Inspection Methods and Standards - Section 6 – 1(j)

Reject if: not 3 amber present forward facing and not 3 red present as rearward facing on vehicles over 2060 mm (80 inches) wide. Must also be clearly visible and permanently mounted. Power units exempt from red rearward facing identification lamps.

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- **Daytime Running Lamps**

The Vehicle Equipment Regulations – section 3: Every vehicle registered for highway use shall comply with the Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards

in effect at time of manufacturer. Daytime running lights were included December 1, 1989.

Inspection Methods and Standards - Section 6 – 1(o)

Reject if: not present on vehicles manufactured after December 1, 1989; present but do not emit a white or amber light; do not operate continually when vehicle in motion and light switch is not in the on position. Note: Some vehicles built for use in U.S.A. will not meet the last requirement. Those vehicles fail when inspected in Saskatchewan until modified to Canadian standards.

- **Exhaust System**

The Vehicle Equipment Regulations – sections 17 & 18: The vehicle shall have a muffler that effectively reduces combustion noise. In certain cases must be protected by heat shielding.

Inspection Methods and Standards - Section 1 (3) (b) & (g)

Reject if: missing the required OEM or equivalent muffler or missing required heat shield. Notes: Straight pipes fail!

- **Grab Handles**

The Vehicle Inspection Procedure Regulations –section 3: The vehicle must meet the minimum safety standards set out in the inspection manual.

Inspection Methods and Standards - Section 8-13 (a)

Reject if: missing broken, insecurely mounted or mounting area corroded.

Note: Grab handles can be mounted inside or outside the cab or attached to an exhaust heat shield.

If someone wishes to discuss these standards you have them contact Vehicle Standards and Inspection at 306-775-6188 or toll free 1-800-667-8015 extension 6188.

Thank you for your anticipated and appreciated co-operation.

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