



**COMPLIANCE CIRCULAR**

**NO. 05/11**

**April 5, 2011**

**SUBJECT: Commercial Vehicle Inspection Program (CVIP) Exemption for Truck Tractors Licensed for Pleasure-use Only**

Managers, Victoria	Passenger Transportation Board	Commercial Transport Insp.
Regional CVSE Managers	Passenger Transportation Branch	(Inspection Stations)
Area Vehicle Inspectors	Carrier Safety Inspectors	ICBC
Deputy Director, CVSE	Government Agents	Supt of Motor Vehicles
ADM, Highways Department	Law Enforcement Agencies	Trucking Industry

**PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR**

To advise that truck tractors used for non-commercial purposes and licensed for the following rate classes are exempt from periodic inspections required by the Commercial Vehicle Inspection Program (CVIP).

001 – Pleasure Use	002 – To and From Work, Distance exceeds 15 km	003 – To and From Work, Commute Within 15 km
004 – Part Way To and From Work, Public Transit Used for Remainder	005 – Seniors, Vehicle Owner and Operator 65 or older	021 – Pleasure Use, Experienced
022 – To and From Work, Experienced	023 – To and From Work, Commute Within 15km, Experienced	024 – Part Way To and From Work, Public Transit Used for Remainder, Experienced

\*Experienced = Vehicle Owner, Principal Operator, lessees and household members using vehicle must have held a valid driver’s licence for 10 or more years.

**Excluded from exemption:** All other rate classes, including commercial transport (400 series rate classes), dump truck, business, artisan (tradesman), fisherman, and logging use rate classes.

This exemption applies to the CVIP inspection requirement only, and does not affect any other requirements for truck tractors as prescribed by the *Motor Vehicle Act*, the *Commercial Transport Act*, or any other legislation governing such matters in British Columbia.

**BACKGROUND**

The CVIP in British Columbia is a privately-delivered mandatory program which is monitored and regulated by government, in accordance with Part 1 of Division 25 of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations. Commercial vehicles licensed over 8,200 kg must undergo CVIP inspections at designated inspection facilities. Private vehicles, including motor homes, are not required to undergo periodic inspections.

Recently there has been increase in the use of pleasure-use truck tractors to haul recreational vehicles. In some jurisdictions, including Alberta and Saskatchewan, these truck tractors are licensed as private vehicles and do not require CVIP inspections. However in British Columbia, truck tractors - regardless of their use - must be licensed as commercial vehicles under the *Commercial Transport Act*. Often these truck tractors have been modified from their original configurations for recreational use (e.g. extended sleeping cab).

The requirement for pleasure use truck tractors to undergo CVIP inspections is inconsistent with the manner in which similarly sized, non-commercial vehicles, such as motor homes, are treated.

To ensure the consistent treatment of pleasure-use vehicles and to improve accordance with other jurisdictions, truck tractors licensed for the above mentioned rate classes are exempted from section 25.01(2) of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations (CVIP inspections).

This exemption is authorized pursuant to the authority granted to the Director of Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement under Section 25.01(3) of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations.

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