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This notice replaces 5/96

Designated Inspection Facilities
Preventative Maintenance Facilities
Community Colleges & Training Facilities
Managers of Compliance & Managers of Claim Centres
Area Vehicle Inspectors

Re: BC Assigned Vehicle Identification Numbers

All vehicle manufacturers identify their products with a vehicle identification number plate. In 1980 the world automotive manufacture's standardized the vehicle identification number (VIN) through the use of a recognized seventeen digit formula. This standardized VIN system has allowed for much greater accuracy in the recording of VIN's as well as a check digit formula which can confirm the VIN as numerically correct.

All of the provincial inspection programs include a check of the VIN. If there is evidence that the VIN has been tampered with, the numbers do not match or the VIN is missing, the inspection will not continue. The vehicle owner will have to go to a Autoplan Agent to apply for a BC Assigned VIN.

For further information and procedures regarding BC Assigned VIN's, please refer to the Commercial Vehicle Inspection Program Vehicle Inspection Manual.

SECTION 11 – LIGHT VEHICLE SECTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION SECTION

When conducting an inspection, please record the VIN from the VIN plate, not from the proof of ownership papers. **DO NOT CONTINUE AN INSPECTION if the VIN is missing,** or two of the VIN's on the vehicle do not agree, or if the VIN on the proof of ownership does not agree with at least two of the VIN's on the vehicle.

We have received reports for trailer inspections that do not have a VIN. A VIN is required prior to inspection.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours truly,

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