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Industry Notice to Operators of Buses Which Have Been Modified

It has come to our attention that some Passenger Transportation licensees may be operating vehicles which have been modified by individuals or companies not formally certified by Transport Canada to conduct this type of work. The concern in this regard is that some of these vehicle modifications may have been completed in a manner not consistent with Canada Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (CMVSS), as required pursuant to provincial Motor Vehicle Act Regulations Section 10.051.

The Passenger Transportation Branch, with assistance from the Ministry's Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement Branch, is currently developing a process through which the Branch will:

- initially identify those vehicles which fall into the category described above
- work with the respective operators to ensure those identified vehicles are inspected by qualified individuals/companies to determine whether the modifications meet CMVSS standards
- in cases where deficiencies are identified, ensure a reasonable period is provided for any additional modifications, required to bring the vehicle into compliance, to be undertaken, provided the operator wishes to pursue such
- require all modified buses operating under a Passenger Transportation licence to bear the required National Safety Mark/CMVSS decal, as currently required for all new and existing licensees wanting to operate these types of vehicles.

It is the Branch's objective to finalize the terms of this review process by the end of May, 2008, at which time the specifics of the process will be posted on this website and communicated directly in writing to each licensee operating a modified bus. In the interim, please don't hesitate to contact a Branch Duty Inspector at (604) 453-4250 or toll free at 1-888-453-4280 if you have any questions at this time.

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