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NOTICE TO LICENSEES

With amendments to Division 10 of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations, 15-passenger van models are in compliance in British Columbia. As long as the vehicle being operated has a seating capacity of more than 12 persons, in particular 15-passenger van models, including all seat belts, then it no longer meets the requirements of a Passenger-Directed Vehicle under the Passenger Transportation Act and, the operator will only require a General Authorization.

However, the operators of passenger vans will require a Special Authorization licence if:

1. the seating capacity is reduced by removing a bench or benches so that the carrying capacity doesn't exceed 12 persons (including driver) and the vehicle is used for passenger directed purposes, or
2. the vehicles are utilized as an Inter-city bus.

Copies of the Division 10 can be obtained at the following website:

http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/cvse/ctm/Com_Circulars/2005/CompCirc04_05.pdf

It is also important to note that modified vehicles, eg. stretched type limousines, SUV must meet the Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (CMVSS) certification.

When carrying passengers, personal baggage and/or roof racks, the gross vehicle weight cannot exceed the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) as indicated on the CMVSS certification decal.

If there are any questions regarding the CMVSS standards please contact:

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