

**COMPLIANCE CIRCULAR**

No. 02

February 13, 2001

SUBJECT: ENFORCEMENT OF MOTOR CARRIER ACT
RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF BILL 13 (MUNICIPAL TAXIS)

Registrar of Drivers and Vehicles
Managers, West Esplanade, ICBC
Chair, Motor Carrier Commission
Provincial Manager of Compliance
District Managers of Compliance
Managers, Licensing
Air Care

Managers, Government St, Victoria
Motor Vehicle Inspectors
ICBC Appointed Agencies
Motor Carrier Department
Law Enforcement Agencies
Commercial Transport Inspectors
(Weigh Scales)

Carrier Safety Inspectors
Government Agents
(Authorized)
Driver Examiners
Driver Services Centres
Regional Vice Presidents

PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR:

At the request of the Motor Carrier Commission, to advise law enforcement officers and industry that as of March 16, 2001, all taxis and limousines operating in British Columbia must have either a motor carrier licence, or, a valid Temporary Operating Permit.

BACKGROUND:

The Motor Carrier Commission licenses commercial passenger transportation in the Province. The Motor Carrier Act has recently been amended to remove a "municipal taxi" exemption (i.e. taxis and limousines operating exclusively in one municipality were not required to obtain a motor carrier licence.)

Motor carriers licensed by the Commission must display a motor carrier plate on the front of the vehicle and the plate must have a current decal (i.e. expires February 02). Inside the vehicle must be a copy of the carrier's Conditions of Licence and an original certificate (cab card) that correlates with the display plate. All documentation must be produced at the request of a peace officer.

If no plate is displayed, carriers may have temporary permits which they must produce or cease operations.

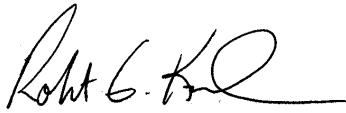
Special plates are being issued for taxi carriers that are operating strictly within one municipality. Their conditions of licence will indicate the municipality that they are licensed to operate within.

The plates are the same size as regular motor carrier plates, but, they are black lettering/numbers on a bright orange background. These plates will display the normal motor carrier decal indicating the licence year.

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Any questions should be directed to the Duty Inspector at the Motor Carrier Department, phone number (604) 453-4250.

**THE CONTENTS OF THIS CIRCULAR WERE PREPARED BY
THE MOTOR CARRIER COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert G. Kroeker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Robert G. Kroeker
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Compliance Programs and Standards