

**COMPLIANCE CIRCULAR**

No. 3

June 12, 2003

SUBJECT: Amendments to the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations* and the repeal of the *Minimum Standards for the Construction of School Buses Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 89/97

Association of School Transport
Supervisors of British Columbia
BCTA
School bus permit holders
Motor Vehicle Inspectors
Commercial Transport
Inspectors (Weigh Scales)

ICBC Managers, Victoria
Law Enforcement Agencies
Driver Services Centres
Deputy Director, CVSE
Ministry of Education
Ministry of Transportation

Government Agents
Regional CVSE Managers
CVSE Program Managers
ADM, Compliance and
Consumer Services
Carrier Safety Inspectors

PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR:

To advise of recent changes to the provincial regulations governing school buses.

BACKGROUND

Division 11 of the B.C. *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations* have recently been amended to referentially base school bus mechanical standards on the national school bus standard (Canadian Standards Association standard, CSA D250). In addition, the outdated B.C. *Minimum Standards for Construction of School Buses Regulation* has been repealed.

Referentially basing all school bus mechanical standards on CSA D250 assists in clarifying and streamlining B.C. regulations. As the CSA standard is updated from time to time, the standard always represents the most current technology related to school bus construction and equipment. No retrofitting of older vehicles will be required as a result of this change, as the standards apply to the construction of new vehicles and to future modifications only. Motor Vehicle Inspectors will be inspecting school buses to the CSA D250 standard.

As CSA D250 does not specifically include standards for after-market and retrofit installations, any modifications made to a school bus shall conform to the latest CSA standard that applied to school buses on the date the modification was made. This will ensure that equipment on school buses reflects the latest standards and that after-market installations are made in accordance with accepted standards. This does not apply to after-market equipment that is not covered by the CSA D250 standard and which does not impact or interfere with the provisions of the standard.

Industry has been advised of these changes and impacts from these amendments are expected to be minimal. The CSA D250 standard can be obtained by contacting the Canadian Standards Association at 1-800-463-6727 or through their website at www.csa.ca.

Inquiries may be directed to Mike Woods, Manager, Vehicle Inspection and Standards, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement Division at (250) 414-7851.

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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Attachment

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. - 0222

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Approved and Ordered

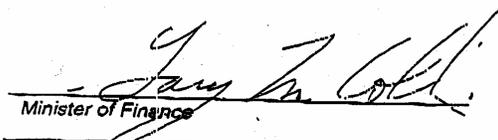
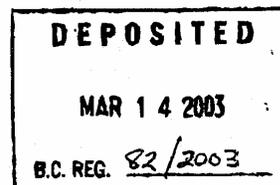


Lieutenant Governor

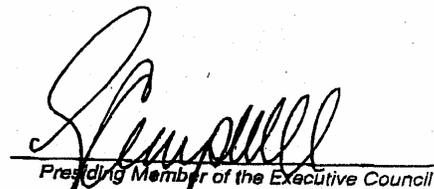
Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that

- (a) the Minimum Standards for Construction of School Buses Regulation, B.C. Reg. 292/89, is repealed, and
- (b) the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations, B.C. Reg. 26/58, is amended according to the attached schedule.



Minister of Finance



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section:- Motor Vehicle Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, chapter 318, section 216

Other (specify):- orders in council 1004/58 and 1391/89

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SCHEDULE

- 1** *Division 11 of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations, B.C. Reg. 26/58, is amended in section 11.01 by repealing the definition of "yellow and black school bus" and substituting the following:*

"yellow and black school bus" means a bus that on the date of its manufacture conformed to the safety standards under the *Motor Vehicle Safety Act* (Canada) and the standards made by the Canadian Standards Association numbered CSA D250, "School Buses" that were applicable to school buses on that date.

- 2** *Section 11.04 (a) is repealed and the following substituted:*
a) does not meet the requirements of Canadian Standards Association numbered CSA Standard D250, "School Buses",
- 3** *Section 11.13 (5) is repealed.*
- 4** *Section 11.16 is repealed and the following substituted:*

Mechanical standards

- 11.16** (1) If an application is made for a school bus permit in respect of a motor vehicle, the standards of construction applicable to that motor vehicle for the purposes of the application are the standards made by the Canadian Standards Association numbered CSA Standard D250, "School Buses" that were applicable to school buses on that date.
- (2) A change, reconstruction or modification made to a school bus must conform to the CSA Standard referred to in subsection (1) that was applicable to the school bus on the date of the change, reconstruction or modification.