



COMPLIANCE CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT: Exemption Expiry For Tow Trucks Rated Under 5,500 kgs Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)

Managers, Government St, Victoria	Carrier Safety Inspectors	Driver Examiners
Motor Vehicle Inspectors	Government Agents	Driver Services Centres
Chair, Motor Carrier Commission	Appointed Agencies	MOT (Director,
Deputy Director, CVSE	Motor Carrier Department	Transportation Policy)
Regional CVSE Managers	Law Enforcement Agencies	Trucking Industry
Managers, Licensing	Commercial Transport Inspectors	Superintendent of
ADM, (Compliance and Consumer	(Weigh Scales)	Motor Vehicles
Services)	Automotive Retailers Association	

PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR

To provide advance notice of regulatory change that will effect the tow truck industry.

January 1, 2007, all tow trucks with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of less than 5,500 kgs must comply with Motor Vehicle Act Regulations (MVAR) Division 19.11.

BACKGROUND

Transport Canada enacted Motor Vehicle Safety Regulation 5.2 "Gross Vehicle Weight Rating" in February 1998, which states the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of a vehicle shall be not less than the sum of the unloaded vehicle mass and the cargo-carrying capacity.

To maintain the national standard, MVAR Division 19.11 specifies that vehicles must not exceed the manufacturers GVWR or Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR). This is in compliance with Transport Canada, Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations and equivalent regulations in other jurisdictions across North America.

In February 1997, exemptions to the MVAR, Division 19.11 (4), (5) and the Commercial Transport Act Regulations (CTAR), Division 7.32 (7), (8) were implemented to allow a grace period for the tow truck industry operating with tow trucks with a GVWR of less than 5,500 kgs.

It is important the industry members are aware of the expiry date of the exemption, **January 1, 2007**. This date should also be considered in future vehicle acquisitions and replacement decisions.

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