



## COMPLIANCE CIRCULAR

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**SUBJECT: Mobility Aid Accessible Taxi Standards**

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Managers, Government St, Victoria	Carrier Safety Inspectors	Driver Services Centres
Motor Vehicle Inspectors	Government Agents	MOT (Director,
Chair, Motor Carrier Commission	Appointed Agencies	Transportation Policy)
Deputy Director, CVSE	Motor Carrier Branch	Superintendent of
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Managers, Licensing	Commercial Transport Inspectors	Taxi Associations
ADM, (Compliance and Consumer Services)	(Weigh Scales)	

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### **PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR**

This circular is issued to provide clarification for enforcement staff, wheel chair accessible taxi owners, operators, and inspectors regarding the requirements for wheel chair accessible taxis found in the Motor Vehicle Act Regulation (MVAR) Division 44 and Canadian Standard Association (CSA) D 409 - 92 and CSA D 409- 02 standards.

### **BACKGROUND**

Recently several wheel chair accessible taxis were inspected and found not to be in compliance with MVAR Division 44.

Motor Vehicle Act Regulation Division 44 states all wheel chair accessible taxis placed into service after June 30, 2000, must comply with all the requirements of that division.

Wheel chair accessible taxis in service prior to June 30, 2000, are **exempt from Division 44 only** if the vehicle complies with MVAR Section 44.8 Mobility aid securement and occupant restraint.

Wheel chair accessible taxis in service prior to June 30, 2000, that comply with Section 44.8 will not be authorized to operate as a wheel chair accessible taxi after **January 1, 2011**.

Currently the MVAR Division 44 only refers to CSA D409 - 92. The new CSA D409 - 02 standard has now been completed by CSA. The new standard has yet to be formally adopted by jurisdictions, including BC. In the interim, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement will accept taxis constructed either CSA D250 - 92 or CSA D250 - 02.

If you have any questions regarding the requirements for wheel chair accessible taxis, please contact your local Motor Vehicle Inspector.

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