

**COMPLIANCE CIRCULAR**

**NO. 08/06**

October 23, 2006

**SUBJECT: Number Plate and Marking Requirements:**  
**Amendments to Division 3 of the *Commercial Transport Regulations*, B.C. Reg. 30/78; Division 3 of the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations*, B.C. Reg. 26/58; and the *Violation Ticket Administration and Fines Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 89/97**

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**PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR**

The purpose of this circular is to advise that, effective October 20, 2006, Division 3 of the Commercial Transport Regulations (CTR) is repealed. Please note:

- the requirements for the display of number plates and decals for commercial vehicles are amalgamated under Division 3 of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations (MVAR); and
- the requirement for marking farm vehicles is eliminated.

**BACKGROUND**

**Number Plate and Decal Requirements**

- Provisions for the display and placement of number plates and validation decals on commercial vehicles were set out in both Division 3 of the CTR and Division 3 of the MVAR. The vast majority of tickets for number plate and decal infractions against commercially-plated vehicles are issued under the MVAR. Fine amounts for contraventions of the CTR were different than those for the MVAR.
- Repealing the CTR, Division 3 number plate/decals requirements for commercial vehicles and amalgamating these provisions under the MVAR will ease enforcement by providing one set of offences under one Division of the regulations and eliminating the fine discrepancy.
- The amalgamation of number plate and decal requirements under the MVAR does not represent a major change in law enforcement practice (as the vast majority of tickets are already issued under the MVAR). The previous MVAR section numbers in Division 3 have been retained, with some additions associated with number plate and decal requirements for commercial vehicles.

**MVAR Number Plate and Decal Requirements and Associated Fines under the VTAFR**

MVAR Section	Passenger and Commercial Vehicle Requirements	Ticket Amount / Reduced Ticket Amount*
3.01	Plate and decal must be properly displayed	\$109 / \$84
3.011	Plate must be properly attached to vehicle	\$109 / \$84
3.012	Decal must be attached to proper place on vehicle**	\$109 / \$84
3.02	Plate must be secure, in horizontal position and on correct vehicle	\$196 / \$171
3.03	Plate must be unobstructed so it can be seen and photographed	\$196 / \$171

\*if paid within 30 days

\*\*includes offence for improper placement of decal on commercial vehicles

**Farm Vehicle Marking Requirement**

- Division 3 of the CTR had previously set out a requirement for marking farm vehicles with a GVW of 5,500 kg or more with the words *farm vehicle*. Farm vehicles are identifiable by a unique licence plate (F1-1111 or G1 -1111). The associated offences for farm vehicle marking have been repealed.



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