

Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement

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Vehicle Safety and Standards **BULLETIN**

Re: Additional Commercial Vehicle Lighting

This bulletin applies to **ALL** commercial vehicles operating on highway and subject to *British Columbia Motor Vehicle Act (MVA)* and *Motor Vehicle Act Regulation (MVAR)* requirements.

Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement has been made aware of commercial vehicles equipped with additional or secondary brake, tail, and rear turn signal light devices installed higher than the permissible 1.83 m. as stated in *Motor Vehicle Act Regulation* Division 4 requirements for these devices.

For the purposes of inspection and enforcement, vehicles **MUST** meet the minimum regulatory standards for all lighting in accordance with MVAR Division 4. For example, where MVAR requirements state a minimum number of functional lighting devices installed in a certain height range, the vehicle **MUST** be properly equipped and in compliance with the regulations.

A vehicle may be equipped with additional or secondary devices installed higher than 1.83 m. provided that the device:

1. Is compliant with MVAR Division 4.02 and displays the correct *Motor Vehicle Safety Regulation* (Canada) compliance markings for the particular function indicated on the lens;
2. Does not interfere with any other required lighting;
3. Functions properly and is the correct colour for the intended use; and
4. Is installed in compliance with MVAR Division 4.03.

Therefore, a device intended to operate as a service brake indicator must be a compliant device for that function. A clearance light, for example, may not be used as a brake light unless it is clearly marked as compliant for both functions. Incorrect function and/or use of non approved devices are contrary to regulations and may be considered violations.

SAE Compliance Markings		ECE Compliance Markings	
Brake	"S" or "S2"	Brake	"S1"
Tail	"T" or "T2"	Tail	"R"
Rear Signal Turn Indicator	"I"	Rear Signal Turn Indicator	"2a"

Should any further information be required, please contact Brian Kangas, Program Coordinator, Vehicle Safety & Standards at (250) 953 – 4008 or brian.kangas@gov.bc.ca

Regards,



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