

Vehicle Inspections & Standards

NOTICE

To All Designated Inspection Facilities and Authorized Inspectors

Re: Inspection of Anti-Lock Brakes

On August 30, 2010, the new British Columbia Vehicle Inspection Manual regulation came into effect. The Anti-Lock Brake reject criteria was set out in all applicable sections of the Vehicle Inspection Manual 2010:

"All vehicles with a GVWR greater than 4,536 kg (10,000 lb.) must be equipped with ABS if manufactured on or after April 1, 2000."

Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement (CVSE) has been made aware that some vehicles in British Columbia operate primarily on industrial and/or forest service roads may have issues with the proper operation of anti-lock brakes due to adverse road bed conditions. These vehicles may be licenced to operate on highway and require a Commercial Vehicle Inspection (CVIP).

For the purpose of this notice "Industrial Road" and/or "Forest Service Road" means:

"A road on crown or private land used primarily for transportation by motor vehicle of natural resources, whether raw, processed or manufactured, or machinery, materials or personnel, and includes all bridges, wharves, log dumps and works forming a part of the road."

By means of this notice, the requirement for inspection criteria of Anti-Lock Brakes as stated in the Vehicle Inspection Manual is amended so that vehicles equipped with Anti-Lock Brake components that may not meet inspection criteria or that do not function as OEM and that OPERATE PRIMARILY ON INDUSTRIAL OR FOREST SERVICE ROADS may pass a provincial inspection.

As part of the Commercial Vehicle Inspection, it is the responsibility of both the Designated Inspection Facility Operator and the Authorized Inspector (AI) to determine the primary use of the vehicle. For application of this amendment, all other braking components must function properly and meet all applicable safety standards before passing.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this change, please contact your local Area Vehicle Inspector found at http://cvse.ca/vehicle_inspections/PDF/MVI_Phone_List.pdf, Geoff.Ford@gov.bc.ca, Technical Advisor by phone at 250-953-4053 or Brian.Kangas@gov.bc.ca, Vehicle Inspection and Standards Manager at 250-953-4008.

Regards,



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