



SUBJECT: COVID – 19 – Vehicle Inspection Certificate of Approval decal expiry extension

Due to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement Branch (CVSE) is instituting some provisional actions to ensure the efficient movement of goods on British Columbia (B.C.) highways continues.

CVSE is aware that as Designated Inspection Facilities may start to close due to COVID-19, this could potentially result in situation where vehicle operators are unable to find a facility to complete a provincial mechanical safety inspection.

PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR

To provide an extension for all vehicles that have a valid Certificate of Approval which expires by March 31, 2020, or April 30, 2020, **ONLY** and are unable to undergo the required mechanical inspection. It is an expectation that carriers and individuals ensure enough time is available to schedule and have the mechanical provincial safety inspection completed prior to the Certificate of Approval decal expiring.

The extension will provide for carriers and individuals additional time to schedule and undergo the required mechanical safety inspection or renew vehicle/fleet insurance where the vehicle(s) require a valid Certificate of Approval as a regulatory requirement to operate on highway.

This extension will be in place until May 31, 2020, but may be extended or terminated based on current events.

APPLICATION

Pursuant to MVAR Division 25.01(3), vehicles required to display a valid Certificate of Approval may operate on highway and/or renew vehicle insurance should there be a delay in scheduling and having a complete provincial mechanical safety inspection completed.

This extension **only** applies to vehicles who display a Certificate of Approval decal with a March 31, 2020, or April 30, 2020, expiry date.

This extension will be accepted when operating on B.C. highways. If vehicles are operating outside of B.C., it is recommended that carriers and individuals ensure they are reviewing other jurisdictional requirements to ensure compliant operation when outside B.C.

Any vehicle found operating on highway contrary to this allowance will be subject to enforcement. Further, vehicles who do not fall within this allowance, are not permitted to operate on highway or renew vehicle/fleet insurance.

Should further information be required, please contact the Vehicle Inspections & Standards Program at 778-974-5458 or by email at Vehicle.Inspections@gov.bc.ca.

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