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**Re: 18 Month Extension to Transition to the National Safety Code 11B**

On July 1, 2011, Ontario adopted the national standard for periodic motor vehicle inspections under the National Safety Code Standard 11B, January 2006 (National Standard) and made supporting amendments to Ontario's *Highway Traffic Act* (HTA) Regulations 611 and 601. At that time, the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) provided a 24-month transition period to allow motor vehicle inspection stations (MVIS), mechanics, and commercial vehicle owners and operators to become familiar with and apply the new inspection criteria.

I am writing to you today to inform you that MTO has extended the transition period to December 31, 2014 to accommodate revisions to the National Standard. Effective January 1, 2015 inspections required under HTA Regulation 611 must be conducted to the revised National Standard.

The National Safety Code Standard 11B is currently being updated for all jurisdictions in Canada. The proposed revisions will not add any significant inspection requirements, however, it will add clarity and consistent language that is lacking in the current National Standard. The new standard will be published by the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA).

In anticipation of the release of the updated National Standard, MTO has extended the transition period until December 31, 2014. During this time vehicles can be inspected to the inspection requirements of Regulation 611, Schedules 1, 2 and 4, as they were in effect June 30, 2011, the National Standard 11B, 2006 or once published, the updated National Standard 11B. Vehicles can be inspected to any of the inspection criteria until December 31, 2014 provided all the requirements for the chosen standard have been met.



The National Standard provides the inspection criteria for annual, semi-annual and safety standards certificates (SSC) for the following types of commercial vehicles:

- **Trucks, trailers and converter dollies** alone or in combination with a total gross weight, registered gross weight or manufacturer's Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) exceeding 4,500 kilograms (kg),
- **Buses** designed for 10 or more passengers, excluding those with a manufacturer's GVWR of 4,500 kg or less used exclusively for personal use,
- **Accessible vehicles** designed or modified to be used for the purpose of transporting persons with disabilities, excluding those used only for personal purposes,
- **School purposes vehicles** operating under contract with a school board or other authority in charge of a school being used for the transportation of six or more children or adults with a developmental disability.

**Effective January 1, 2015**, all annual, semi-annual and SSC inspections for the vehicles described above must be conducted to the updated National Standard.

Publication of the updated National Standard will be announced on the CCMTA and MTO websites. You should not expect further correspondence from MTO. Upon release of the updated National Standard, copies will be available for purchase on the CCMTA website.

For Further Information:

- MTO website: [www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/trucks/](http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/trucks/)
- Annual, semi-annual and SSC inspection information, MTO website: [www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/trucks/regulations/annual.shtml](http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/trucks/regulations/annual.shtml)
- CCMTA website: [www.CCMTA.ca](http://www.CCMTA.ca)
- To purchase a copy of the updated National Standard, once available, CCMTA Publications: [www.ccmta.ca/english/productstandservices/publications/publications.cfm](http://www.ccmta.ca/english/productstandservices/publications/publications.cfm)

It is important to note that all the current standards under the *Highway Traffic Act* that apply to commercial vehicles operating on a highway, including on-road inspections, will remain as they are. The changes outlined above only apply to the annual, semi-annual and SSC inspections conducted by mechanics registered to licensed MVIS.