

Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement**National Safety Code / Vehicle Inspections & Standards****NOTICE****RE: Commercial Motor Vehicles providing relief during the provincial state of emergency**

Please be advised that during the provincial state of emergency the following applies to commercial motor vehicles that are engaged, required to respond, or providing relief to the emergency:

- An unconditional inspection exemption to vehicles that would otherwise require a valid inspection certificate under Motor Vehicle Act Regulations (MVAR) 25.01 (2). Otherwise, all other CVIP inspection requirements remain in effect. Exemptions will expire when a vehicle is no longer in use for wildfire response.
- Any commercial vehicle operating under a temporary operating permit (TOP) does not require a CVIP inspection.
- The A to B restrictions for laden commercial vehicles over 5000 kg GVW operating under a TOP are waived.
- For commercial carriers who will be operating a commercial vehicle on a TOP, National Safety Code (NSC) is not a requirement.

Note: These allowances are applicable only while the provincial state of emergency remains in effect.

Commercial carriers that have an NSC number should be encouraged to licence regularly as there are exemptions in MVAR Division 37 around hours of service and trip inspections when providing relief from earthquake, flood, fire, famine, drought, epidemic, pestilence or other disaster.

The exemptions listed above only apply when operating in B.C. If a B.C. carrier needs to operate outside of B.C. as part of relief efforts, Transport Canada has issued a [Targeted Essential Freight hours of service exemption](#). Carriers needing this exemption are advised to review the exemption and ensure that they are in compliance with the conditions prior to operating under it.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding vehicle inspections, please contact Vehicle Inspections & Standards Program staff at 778 974-5458 or by email at Vehicle.Inspections@gov.bc.ca.

For questions and concerns regarding National Safety Code, please contact National Safety Code Program staff at 250 952-0576 or by email at NSC@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you,

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Karen Coverett
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