

National Safety Code **BULLETIN**

Re: Post-trip inspections under Division 37 Motor Vehicle Act Regulations and electronic reports

The purpose of this Bulletin is to identify the Post-trip inspection record keeping requirements for drivers and carriers using electronic devices to document Trip inspection requirements under s.37.22 (6) which states:

1. The Driver or the Person specified under subsection (2) shall,
 - a. At the end of the final trip of the day, or
 - b. Where a trip lasts more than one day, on every subsequent day of the trip at the final rest stop of the day,

Inspect the commercial motor vehicle and record in the trip inspection report defects observed as a result of this inspection or while in charge of the commercial motor vehicle.

Clarification

Section 37.22 (6) requires drivers or a person specified to conduct a Post-trip inspection and document any defects observed at the end of the final trip of the day or that may have occurred throughout the day. Carriers may implement internal policy requiring a written post trip report but there is no NSC requirement in BC to do a written Post-trip inspection report if no defects are identified.

If defects are identified during the day or upon completion of the final trip of the day, those defects are to be noted on the Post-trip which can be either on the written paper copy or in an electronic format. Either option is acceptable provided the carrier is made aware of the vehicle condition so corrective action can take place.

The above requirements increase consistency with other North American Jurisdictions, there is no requirement for a written Post-trip Inspection in the Canadian National Safety Code Standard 13 adopted by most provinces or by the Federal Motor Carrier requirements in the United States.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Christina Gillie, NSC Program Advisor at (250) 387-3806.



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