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RE: MECHANICAL FITNESS ASSESSMENTS

Section 15 of Alberta's *Vehicle Inspection Regulation* requires a dealer in used motor vehicles to before entering into a contract to sell a motor vehicle, to give to the buyer a Mechanical Fitness Assessment (MFA) that contains prescribed information including:

- a) a statement identifying the type of motor vehicle;
- b) a statement showing the make, model, year, VIN, odometer reading, licence plate number and province of registration of the vehicle;
- c) the name and address of the dealer selling the vehicle and the name of the technician who issued the MFA;
- d) a statement that the MFA expires 120 days after the date it was issued;
- e) a statement certifying that the motor vehicle complies with the *Vehicle Equipment Regulation* or that it does not comply with the *Vehicle Equipment Regulation* and include a description of the items that are missing or do not comply;
- f) the signature of the technician who conducted the MFA; and
- g) the date the MFA was issued. .

This requirement for the issuance of an MFA does not apply to the sale of a used motor vehicle from one dealer to another dealer.

The entire regulation can be viewed at www.gp.alberta.ca/documents/Regs/2006_211.pdf.

A news release regarding Mechanical Fitness Assessments was issued in 2010 that contained incorrect information about Mechanical Fitness Assessments, specifically regarding vehicles sold at auction. This notice corrects the news release in 2010 by clarifying the obligations of the dealer and auction sales business, when a vehicle is sold at auction.

Information for Dealers

If a dealer sells or disposes of a vehicle through an auction, a Mechanical Fitness Assessment must be completed on the vehicle and the MFA must be given to the auction sales business so that it can be provided to potential purchasers of the vehicle.

Information for Auctions

If an auction sales business receives a vehicle from a dealer, they must be provided with a Mechanical Fitness Assessment from the dealer. The auction sales business is required to make the Mechanical Fitness Assessment available to all potential purchasers of the vehicle. There is no prescribed method for making the Mechanical Fitness Assessment available to purchasers; this is at the discretion of the auction, but could include being displayed in the window of the vehicle or posted online. The Mechanical Fitness Assessment must also be provided to the purchaser at the completion of the sale.

NOTE—If a non-dealer (private individual) sells a vehicle at auction, a Mechanical Fitness Assessment is not required.

Failure to comply with the Vehicle Inspection Regulation may result in disciplinary action. The Alberta Motor Vehicle Industry Council (AMVIC) will investigate any issues of non-compliance by licensed dealers. All non-compliance issues by auctions will be directed to Alberta Transportation and Service Alberta.

Additional information regarding Mechanical Fitness Assessments can be found online at www.transportation.alberta.ca/4251.htm.