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To all Vehicle Testing Authorised Officers and Authorised HGV Test Centres

Statutory Instrument No. 831 of 2005 extends the categories of vehicles which must be fitted with a speed limitation device. In addition to the vehicles that already require a speed limitation device, this Regulation provides that goods vehicles over 3.5 tonnes design gross vehicle weight and passenger vehicles having more than 8 passenger seats (exclusive of driver) must be fitted with speed limitation devices if first registered after 1st October 2001.

To bring our test procedure into line with this Regulation, checking speed limitation devices will be part of the annual roadworthiness test for these vehicles as per the dates specified in the table on the attached notice. The purpose of this circular is to give advance notice to all stakeholders that we will be checking these devices in the future and to allow them to take any necessary actions required before the implementation date. To this end, I would ask that you display the attached notice in your test centre as one means of alerting vehicle owners of the change in the test requirements.

Exact changes to the wording of the Item 16 (Tachograph / Speedometer / Speed Limiter) in the HGV Test Manual will be forwarded in advance on the implementation dates. The full text of SI No. 831 of 2005 can be found on our web page at http://www.rsa.ie/SERVICES/RSA_Services/Vehicle_Testing.html. If you have any queries in relation to this circular, please contact the undersigned at seanbreathnach@rsa.ie or at 091-872629.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

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