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To all Vehicle Testing Authorised Officers and Authorised HGV Test Centres

Clarification of Speed Limitation Device Requirements on Passenger Vehicles

S.I. No. 831 of 2005, European Communities (Installation and Use of Speed Limitation Devices in Motor Vehicles) Regulations 2005, defines passenger vehicles thus, *“passenger vehicle” means a vehicle having seating accommodation for more than 8 persons exclusive of the driver.*

S.I. No. 771 of 2004, European Communities (Vehicle Testing) Regulations 2004, applies to

- (a) *vehicles used for the carriage of passengers with more than 8 seats, excluding the driver’s seat,*
- (b) *goods vehicles*
- (c) *goods trailers, and*
- (d) *ambulances*

A vehicle registered as an ambulance must be tested at a VTN centre.

A vehicle registered as an ambulance, with no more than eight seats exclusive of the driver, whether classed as an emergency vehicle or not, does not require a speed limitation device under S.I. No. 831 of 2005 and should not fail the test for not having one fitted.

If there are any queries in relation to subject, please contact Bill Barry, Engineer at billbarry@rsa.ie or +353-91-872646.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Seán Breathnach', is written over a horizontal line.

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