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To all Vehicle Testing Authorised Officers and Authorised HGV Test Centres

REMINDER: Commencement of Safety Belts on Buses Verification Exercise

From the 29th October 2010 a safety belt verification exercise will take place at the roadworthiness test on every bus fitted with safety belts. The verification exercise will require a bus owner to present documentation for the safety belt installation on his vehicle.

Authorised HGV Testers have received instruction at the recent HGV tester CPD training of how the verification exercise is to be conducted. A detailed information note was also provided which described the steps an Authorised Tester must complete when performing the safety belt verification exercise on a bus along with examples of the documentation a bus owner will present at their vehicle's roadworthiness test.

As of 29th October 2010 under **Item 10 SAFETY BELTS of the HGV Testers Manual**, if a bus fitted with safety belts is presented for test without the required documentation, it should be failed under fail item 10 02 (2); **Safety Belt Anchorage System, (2) A belt mounting unsatisfactory.**

If you have any queries on this subject please contact the dedicated Vehicle Standards helpline at 096 25043 for more information.

Yours Sincerely,

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