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To all Vehicle Testing Authorised Officers and Authorised HGV Test Centres

Update for Item 70, Speed Limiter of HGV Testers Manual

Effective immediately, this is to update the test requirement for having a speed limiter fitted on certain diesel engined vehicles first registered between 1 October 2001 and 31 December 2004.

The annual roadworthiness test currently requires a speed limiter to be fitted to all diesel engined passenger vehicles with seating for more than eight persons exclusive of the driver's seat and with DGVW not exceeding 10t and all diesel engined goods vehicles with DGVW greater than 3.5 t but not exceeding 12t registered on or after 1st October 2001.

At the request of the RSA, the European Commission is reviewing its previous advice that this requirement applies to M2 (passenger vehicles with seating for more than eight persons exclusive of the driver's seat and with DGVW not exceeding 5t) and N2 vehicles (goods vehicles with DGVW greater than 3.5 t but not exceeding 12t) which have been type approved to Motor Vehicle Emissions Directive 70/220/ EEC and were first registered between 1 October 2001 and 31 December 2004.

In the interim, an M2 or N2 vehicle registered between 1 October 2001 and 31 December 2004, presented for test that is not equipped with a speed limitation device **should not fail the test under Item 70 of the HGV Testers Manual, Speed Limiter**, if the owner/presenter can provide evidence that the vehicle has approval to the Motor Vehicle Emissions Directive 70/220/ EEC as amended. Acceptable proof would be either a type approval certificate or a manufacturer's declaration confirming approval to Directive 70/220/EEC as amended. A list of amendments is attached in Appendix 1. Such proof must include the vehicles VIN number. This, together with proof of registration date from the vehicles log book, will allow the vehicle to pass the roadworthiness test Item 70 of the HGV Testers Manual, Speed Limiter, in this regard.

If the vehicle has a speed limiter fitted it should be tested as normal.

If you have any questions relating to this circular please contact Bill Barry at 091-872600 or cvtadmin@rsa.ie

Yours Sincerely,

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Appendix 1

(70/220/EEC) As amended by Directives;

- 74/290 EEC
- 77/102/EEC
- 78/665/EEC
- 83/351/EEC
- 88/76/EEC
- 88/436/EEC
- 89/458/EEC
- 89/491/EEC
- 91/441/EEC
- 93/59/EEC
- 94/12/EC
- 96/44/EC
- 96/69/EC
- 98/77/EC
- 98/69/EC
- 1999/102/EC
- 2001/1/EC,
- 2001/100/EC
- 2002/80/EC
- 2003/76/EC
- 2006/96/EC