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Circular RSA VI 05/11

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To all Vehicle Testing Authorised Officers and Authorised Test Centres:

Test Charges

As previously outlined in RSA Circular VI 04/10, the fees to be charged to a customer for a commercial vehicle test or re-test are specifically outlined in the “The European Communities (Vehicle Testing) Regulations 2004” (S.I. No.771 of 2004) as updated by S.I. No. 709 of 2007 – all test fees listed are subject to VAT, currently at 21%. The only instance where no fee should be charged for a re-test is where a re-test does not require the use of test equipment.

As the prices for full tests and re-tests are stated in the Statutory Instrument covering the testing of commercial vehicles, the prices cannot be discounted in any manner and the stated fee must be charged for the vehicle type being tested. As stated above, the only exception to this are re-tests that do not require the use of test equipment.

To confirm that all authorised test centres are applying fees as required under the regulations and in accordance with Section 7.1 (i) of these regulations, in future the RSA will be requiring all authorised test centres to provide it with a form of proof of test income in respect of test activity. The RSA is discussing with the VTN, the most appropriate means of obtaining the proof in a way which does not impose an additional unnecessary administrative burden on test centres. Test centres can be assured that any information required will be limited to the minimum necessary to confirm compliance with the regulations, will be treated confidentially and will not be shared with any third party. This requirement will be taken under the current regulatory arrangements and oversight of test income will be incorporated fully into the new licensing arrangement.

If you have any queries in relation to this circular, in the first instance please contact the undersigned at seanbreathnach@rsa.ie.

Yours Sincerely,

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