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# MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY ACT

## Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations

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### Compliance Label

6. (1) Subject to subsections (1.1) and 6.6(1), a company that manufactures a vehicle of a prescribed class that is a completed vehicle and that meets the requirements of these Regulations shall ensure that the vehicle, unless it is a vehicle imported temporarily for special purposes, bears a compliance label displaying at least

- (a) the name of the manufacturer of the completed vehicle;
- (b) the month and year the manufacture of the completed vehicle was complete;
- (c) a drawing at least 13 mm in diameter depicting the national safety mark, as set out in Schedule I, and showing in its centre, in figures at least 2 mm in height, the authorization number assigned by the Minister to the company pursuant to section 3;
- (d) the vehicle identification number;
- (e) in the case of a passenger car, multi-purpose passenger vehicle, low-speed vehicle, three-wheeled vehicle, truck, bus, trailer, trailer converter dolly or motorcycle,
  - (i) the gross vehicle weight rating, expressed in kilograms, clearly identified by the words "Gross Vehicle Weight Rating" and "Poids nominal brut du véhicule" or the abbreviations "GVWR" and "PNBV", and
  - (ii) the gross axle weight rating, expressed in kilograms, for each axle of the vehicle listed in order from front to rear and clearly identified by the words "Gross Axle Weight Ratings" and "Poids nominal brut sur l'essieu" or the abbreviations "GAWR" and "PNBE", unless the information is set out in the placard referred to in section 110 of Schedule IV or the label referred to in section 120 of Schedule IV;
- (f) the type of vehicle, in both official languages, or the word "TYPE" along with one of the

following abbreviations, namely,

- (i) "AMB" to refer to an ambulance,
- (i.1) "AT/PA" to refer to an auto transporter,
- (ii) "ATV/VTT" to refer to an all-terrain vehicle,
- (iii) "B/A" to refer to a bus,
- (iv) "BT/RA" to refer to a bus trailer,
- (v) "CD/CCC" to refer to a C-dolly,
- (vi) "EMC/MCH" to refer to an enclosed motorcycle,
- (vii) "HHT/RL" to refer to a heavy hauler trailer,
- (viii) "LSM/MVL" to refer to a limited-speed motorcycle,
- (ix) "LDD/CRC" to refer to a load divider dolly,
- (ix.1) "LSV/VBV" to refer to a low-speed vehicle,
- (x) "MH/AC" to refer to a motor home,
- (xi) "MC" to refer to an open motorcycle,
- (xii) "MPV/VTUM" to refer to a multi-purpose passenger vehicle,
- (xiii) "PC/VT" to refer to a passenger car,
- (xiv) "RUM/MUR" to refer to a restricted-use motorcycle,
- (xv) "SB/AS" to refer to a school bus,
- (xvi) "TRA/REM" to refer to a trailer,
- (xvii) "TCD/CDC" to refer to a trailer converter dolly,
- (xviii) "TRI" to refer to a motor tricycle,
- (xix) "TRU/CAM" to refer to a truck,
- (xx) "TT/CT" to refer to a truck tractor,
- (xxi) "TWV/VTR" to refer to a three-wheeled vehicle, and
- (xxii) "SNO/MNG" to refer to a snowmobile;

(g) in the case of a C-dolly, the mounting height, expressed in both official languages, of the coupling when the C-dolly is not loaded; and

(h) in the case of a trailer that is designed to tow a C-dolly, the mounting height, expressed in both official languages, of the coupling when the trailer is not loaded;

(i) [Repealed by SOR/2002-55]

(1.1) If an incomplete vehicle manufacturer or an intermediate manufacturer assumes legal responsibility for the completed vehicle's conformity to the requirements of these Regulations, the incomplete vehicle manufacturer or the intermediate manufacturer, as the case may be, shall ensure that a compliance label is applied to the completed vehicle in accordance with this section, except that

(a) the name of the incomplete vehicle manufacturer or the intermediate manufacturer, as the case may be, shall appear on the compliance label instead of the name of the manufacturer referred to in paragraph (1)(a); and

(b) the date of manufacture of the completed vehicle may be no earlier than the date on which manufacturing operations on the vehicle are completed by the incomplete vehicle manufacturer and no later than the date on which manufacturing operations on the vehicle are completed by the final-stage manufacturer.

(1.2) If an incomplete vehicle manufacturer assumes legal responsibility for the completed vehicle's conformity to the requirements of these Regulations, the provisions related to vehicles manufactured in stages set out in sections 6.1 to 6.6 do not apply.

(1.3) If an intermediate manufacturer assumes legal responsibility for the completed vehicle's conformity to the requirements of these Regulations, the provisions related to vehicles manufactured in stages set out in sections 6.3 to 6.6 do not apply.

(2) The drawing referred to in paragraph (1)(c)

(a) may be displayed on a label applied to the vehicle beside the compliance label; or

(b) in the case of an imported vehicle, may be replaced by the following statement indicating that the vehicle conforms to the applicable standards prescribed under these Regulations at the time the main assembly of the vehicle was completed:

"THIS VEHICLE CONFORMS TO ALL APPLICABLE STANDARDS PRESCRIBED UNDER THE CANADIAN MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY REGULATIONS IN EFFECT ON THE DATE OF MANUFACTURE/CE VÉHICULE EST CONFORME À TOUTES LES NORMES QUI LUI SONT APPLICABLES EN VERTU DU RÈGLEMENT SUR LA SÉCURITÉ DES VÉHICULES AUTOMOBILES DU CANADA EN VIGUEUR À LA DATE DE SA FABRICATION".

(3) The compliance label shall be applied

(a) in the case of a bus, multi-purpose passenger vehicle, three-wheeled vehicle, passenger car, truck or low-speed vehicle,

(i) to the hinge pillar, door latch post or the door edge that meets the door latch post next to the driver's seating position,

(ii) to the left side of the instrument panel or the inward-facing surface of the door next to the driver's seating position, where it is impracticable to apply the label in accordance with subparagraph (i), or

(iii) to a conspicuous and readily accessible location, where it is impracticable to apply the label in accordance with subparagraph (i) or (ii);

(b) in the case of a trailer, to the forward half of the left side of the trailer so that it is easily readable from outside the trailer without moving any part of the trailer;

(c) in the case of a motorcycle or a restricted-use motorcycle, to a permanent part of the motorcycle as close as is practicable to the intersection of the steering post and the handlebars so that it is easily readable without moving any part of the motorcycle except the steering system; or

(d) in the case of a snowmobile or a snowmobile cutter, to the rear half of the right side of the vehicle so that it is easily readable from outside the vehicle without moving any part of the

vehicle.

6(4) to (7) [repealed by SOR/2002-55]

(8) In the case of a multi-purpose passenger vehicle or bus manufactured from a cutaway chassis, a motor home or a recreational trailer, the compliance label shall display the following information in both official languages:

- (a) the cargo-carrying capacity of the vehicle, expressed in kilograms;
- (b) the designated seating capacity, except in the case of a recreational trailer;
- (c) in the case of a motor home, the total mass of the occupants, expressed in kilograms, that is obtained by multiplying the designated seating capacity by 70 kg; and
- (d) in the case of a motor home or a recreational trailer,
  - (i) the mass of the fresh water, hot water and waste water tanks, expressed in kilograms, when full, and
  - (ii) a statement that the displayed cargo-carrying capacity is determined with the fresh water and hot water tanks full and the waste water tanks empty.

(8.1) The information referred to in subsection (8) may be displayed on a separate label applied to the vehicle beside the compliance label or in a conspicuous or readily accessible location.

(9) In the case of a limited-speed motorcycle and a low-speed vehicle, a statement in both official languages that the use of the vehicle may be restricted by provincial authorities to certain roads shall appear on the compliance label or on a separate label permanently applied to the vehicle in a conspicuous location.

(10) [repealed SOR/2000-182]

(11) In the case of a model of vehicle in respect of which the Governor in Council has made an exemption order pursuant to section 9 of the Act, the compliance label or information label applied to the vehicle, as the case may be, shall also specify, in both official languages,

- (a) the number and title of the standard in respect of which the exemption has been granted; and
- (b) the short title of the exemption order.

(12) [repealed SOR/2000-182]

(13) [repealed SOR/2000-182]

## **Vehicles Manufactured in Stages**

### **Incomplete Vehicle Manufacturer's Document**

**6.1** (1) An incomplete vehicle manufacturer shall, at or before the time of delivery of an incomplete vehicle, provide to the intermediate manufacturer, the final-stage manufacturer or other purchaser, as the case may be, an incomplete vehicle document that contains the following information:

- (a) the name and mailing address of the incomplete vehicle manufacturer;
- (b) the month and year the incomplete vehicle manufacturer performed its last manufacturing operation on the incomplete vehicle;

- (c) the vehicle identification number;
- (d) the GVWR, expressed in kilograms, intended for the vehicle when it is a completed vehicle;
- (e) the GAWR, expressed in kilograms, intended for each axle of the vehicle when it is a completed vehicle, listed in order from front to rear, except that the GAWR for consecutive axles that have identical GAWRs when equipped with tires that have the same designated tire size may be stated once followed by the words "each" and "chacun";
- (f) a list of the types of vehicles referred to in paragraph 6(1)(f) into which the incomplete vehicle is designed to be manufactured; and
- (g) the numbers of the prescribed standards that apply, at the date specified in paragraph (b), in respect of each type of vehicle listed, followed in each case by one or more of the following statements, as applicable:
  - (i) a statement that the completed vehicle will conform to the standard if no alterations are made to the components of the incomplete vehicle that are identified by the incomplete vehicle manufacturer (for example, CMVSS 104 -- This vehicle, when completed, will conform to Standard 104, Windshield Wiping and Washing System, if no alterations are made to the windshield or the windshield wiping and washing system),
  - (ii) a statement that the completed vehicle will conform to the standard if the vehicle is manufactured in accordance with the conditions specified by the incomplete vehicle manufacturer (for example, CMVSS 121 -- This vehicle, when completed, will conform to Standard 121, Air Brake Systems, if it does not exceed any of the GAWRs, if the centre of gravity at GVWR is not higher than 2.75 m above the ground and if no alterations are made in any brake system component), and
  - (iii) a statement that conformity to the standard cannot be determined based upon the components that are fitted on the incomplete vehicle and that the incomplete vehicle manufacturer makes no representation as to conformity with the standard.

(2) The document shall be kept in a weather-resistant container that is attached to the vehicle in a conspicuous and readily accessible location, or it may be sent directly to an intermediate manufacturer, a final stage manufacturer or other purchaser, as the case may be.

### **Incomplete Vehicle Manufacturer's Information Label**

**6.2 (1)** Every incomplete vehicle manufacturer shall apply to every incomplete vehicle it manufactures an information label that displays the following:

- (a) a statement, in both official languages, that the vehicle is an incomplete vehicle;
- (b) the name of the incomplete vehicle manufacturer;
- (c) the month and year the incomplete vehicle manufacturer performed its last manufacturing operation on the incomplete vehicle;
- (d) the vehicle identification number;
- (e) the GVWR intended for the vehicle when it is a completed vehicle, expressed in kilograms, clearly identified by the words "Gross Vehicle Weight Rating" and "Poids nominal brut du véhicule" or the abbreviations "GVWR" and "PNBV";
- (f) the GAWR, expressed in kilograms, intended for each axle of the vehicle when it is a

completed vehicle, listed in order from front to rear and clearly identified by the words "Gross Axle Weight Ratings" and "Poids nominal brut sur l'essieu" or the abbreviations "GAWR" and "PNBE", except that

(i) the GAWR for consecutive axles that have identical GAWRs when equipped with tires that have the same designated tire size may be stated once followed by the words "each" and "chacun", and

(ii) the information need not appear on the label if it is set out on the placard referred to in subsection 110(5) of Schedule IV or on the label referred to in subsection 120(14) of Schedule IV; and

(g) in the case of a vehicle manufactured in Canada for sale in Canada, a drawing of at least 20 mm in diameter depicting the national safety mark set out in Schedule I and showing in its centre, in figures of at least 2 mm in height, the authorization number assigned by the Minister to the company under section 3.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the information label shall be applied

(a) to the hinge pillar, door latch post or the door edge that meets the door latch post next to the driver's seating position;

(b) to the left side of the instrument panel or the inward-facing surface of the door next to the driver's seating position, if it is impracticable to apply the label in accordance with paragraph (a); or

(c) to a conspicuous and readily accessible location, if it is impracticable to apply the label in accordance with paragraph (a) or (b) or if the vehicle does not have the components described in paragraph (a) or (b).

(3) In the case of a stripped or cowl chassis, the information label may be applied to a conspicuous and readily accessible location on the steering column.

(4) The drawing referred to in paragraph (1)(g) may be displayed on a label applied to the vehicle beside the incomplete vehicle manufacturer's information label.

### **Intermediate Manufacturer's Document**

**6.3** (1) Every intermediate manufacturer of an incomplete vehicle shall, at or before the time of delivery of the incomplete vehicle to the subsequent manufacturer, provide to the subsequent manufacturer, in the manner specified in subsection 6.1(2), the incomplete vehicle document that was provided by the previous manufacturer.

(2) An intermediate manufacturer shall, before complying with subsection (1), make an addendum to the incomplete vehicle document that contains the following information:

(a) its name and mailing address;

(b) a clear and precise description of all the changes it has made to the incomplete vehicle; and

(c) if any of the changes affect the validity of a statement made by the incomplete vehicle manufacturer in accordance with paragraph 6.1(1)(g), an indication of the amendments that must be made to those statements to reflect the changes made by the intermediate manufacturer.

### Intermediate Manufacturer's Information Label

**6.4** (1) Subject to subsection (3), an intermediate manufacturer shall apply to every incomplete vehicle, beside the information label of the previous manufacturer, an information label that displays the following information;

- (a) a statement, in both official languages, that the vehicle is an incomplete vehicle;
- (b) the name of the intermediate manufacturer;
- (c) a statement, in both official languages, that the company is an intermediate manufacturer;
- (d) the month and year in which the intermediate manufacturer performed its last manufacturing operation on the incomplete vehicle; and
- (e) in the case of a vehicle manufactured in Canada for sale in Canada, a drawing of at least 20 mm in diameter depicting the national safety mark set out in Schedule I and showing in its centre, in figures of at least 2 mm in height, the authorization number assigned by the Minister to the company under section 3.

(2) The drawing referred to in paragraph (1)(e) may be displayed on a label applied to the vehicle beside the intermediate manufacturer's information label.

(3) If the information label applied to an incomplete vehicle by the previous manufacturer is not in a location described in paragraph 6.2(2)(a) or (b),

- (a) the information label shall be applied in a location specified in paragraph 6.2(2)(a) or (b), or in a conspicuous and readily accessible location if it is impracticable to conform to paragraph 6.2(2)(a) or (b); and
- (b) subject to subsection (4), the information label shall display the GVWR and GAWRs set out on the label applied by the previous manufacturer.

(4) If an intermediate manufacturer increases the GVWR or the GAWRs above those referred to in paragraphs 6.1(1)(d) and (e), the intermediate manufacturer shall ensure that the new ratings are displayed on that intermediate manufacturer's information label and

- (a) are increased in accordance with the written recommendations of the incomplete vehicle manufacturer or, if applicable, of another previous manufacturer; or
- (b) are within the load-carrying capacity of the vehicle's components when the vehicle is loaded for its intended use as a completed vehicle.

### Final-stage Manufacturer's Document

**6.5** (1) A final-stage manufacturer shall make an addendum to the incomplete vehicle document that contains the following information:

- (a) its name and mailing address; and
- (b) a clear and precise description of all the changes that it has made to the incomplete vehicle.

(2) The final-stage manufacturer shall retain and make available to the Minister, on request, the incomplete vehicle documentation referred to in subsection (1) and sections 6.1 and 6.3, for a period of no less than five years after the date manufacturing operations on the vehicle are completed by the final-stage manufacturer.

### **Final-stage Manufacturer's Compliance Label**

**6.6 (1)** Every final-stage manufacturer shall choose a date of manufacture for a completed vehicle that may be no earlier than the date specified by the incomplete vehicle manufacturer on its information label but no later than the date manufacturing operations on the vehicle are completed by the final-stage manufacturer and shall

(a) complete the incomplete vehicle in such a manner that the completed vehicle conforms to the standards prescribed for a completed vehicle of that class as of the date chosen by the final-stage manufacturer; and

(b) apply to the completed vehicle a compliance label in accordance with section 6, except that

(i) the date of manufacture referred to in paragraph 6(1)(b) is the date of manufacture chosen by the final-stage manufacturer, and

(ii) subject to subsection (2), the GVWR and GAWRs shall be those set out on the label applied by the previous manufacturer.

(2) If a final-stage manufacturer increases the GVWR or the GAWRs above those referred to in paragraphs 6.1(1)(d) and (e) and subsection 6.4(4) or new ratings have been displayed on an intermediate manufacturer's information label, the final-stage manufacturer shall ensure that the new ratings are displayed on the compliance label for the completed vehicle and

(a) are increased in accordance with the written recommendations of the incomplete vehicle manufacturer or, if applicable, of another previous manufacturer; or

(b) are within the load-carrying capacity of the vehicle's components when the vehicle is loaded for its intended use as a completed vehicle.

**7.** All the labels applied to a vehicle under sections 6, 6.2, 6.4 and 6.6 shall

(a) be permanently attached to the vehicle;

(b) be resistant to or protected against any weather condition to which the label may be exposed;

(c) have lettering that is

(i) clear and indelible,

(ii) indented, embossed or in a colour that contrasts with the background colour of the label, and

(iii) in block capitals and numerals not less than 2 mm in height; and

(d) have metric units identified by the appropriate name or symbol.

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SOR/79-940 6 December, 1979 pursuant to sections 4 and 7 of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act



Subsection 6(5).

SOR/81-455 8 June, 1981 pursuant to section 9.2 of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act

Subsection 6(1) preceding paragraph (a); and subsection 6(10) is added.

SOR/82-482 7 May, 1982 pursuant to sections 4 and 7 of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act, effective September 1, 1982

Paragraph 6(1)(e) preceding subparagraph (i); subsection 6(5); and subsection 6(9).

SOR/87-660 19 November, 1987 pursuant to sections 4 and 7 of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act

Subsection 6(8) is revoked.

SOR/88-268 5 May, 1988 pursuant to sections 4 and 7 of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act

Subsection 6(1) preceding paragraph (a); subsection 6(3); effective September 1, 1988: paragraph 6(1)(e) preceding subparagraph (i); subsection 6(6); and subsection 6(7) is revoked.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY ACT IS NOW CHAPTER M-10 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA, 1985.

SOR/91-528 5 September, 1991 pursuant to section 4 of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act

Subsection 6(1) preceding paragraph (a), effective September 1, 1992; subsection 6(1) by adding paragraph (f), effective September 1, 1994; subsection 6(1) by adding paragraph (g), effective September 1, 1992; and subsection 6(3) is revoked, effective September 5, 1991.

SOR/93-146 23 March, 1993 pursuant to sections 4 and 7 of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act

Subsection 6(1) by adding paragraph (h) and (i).

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY ACT IS NOW CHAPTER 16 OF THE STATUTES OF CANADA, 1993.

SOR/95-147 21 March, 1995 pursuant to subsection 3(2) and sections 4, 5, 7, 9, 10 and 11 of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act, effective April 12, 1995

Section 6 is revoked & replaced by sections 6 and 7.

SOR/98-125 19 February, 1998 pursuant to section 5 and subsection 11(1) of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act, into force April 1, 1999

Subsection 6(8) is replaced.

SOR/2000-182 4 May, 2000 pursuant to section 5 and subsection 11(1) of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act, into force on May 4, 2000

The portion of subsection 6(1) before paragraph (a) is replaced; Subparagraph 6(1)(f)(vi) is repealed; Subsection 6(9) is replaced; Subsections 6(10), (12) and (13) are repealed.

SOR/2000-304 27 July, 2000 pursuant to section 5 and subsection 11(1) of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act, into force July 27, 2000

The portion of paragraph 6(1)(e) before subparagraph (i) is replaced; Subparagraph 6(1)(f)(ix.1) is added; The portion of paragraph 6(3)(a) before subparagraph (i) is replaced; Subsection 6(9) is replaced.

SOR/2002-55 31 January 2002 pursuant to section 5 and subsection 11(1) of *the Motor Vehicle Safety Act*,

into force February 13, 2003.

The portion of subsection 6(1) before paragraph (c) is replaced; subparagraph 6(1)(f)(i) is replaced and (i.1) added; subsection 6(1) is amended by adding "and" at the end of paragraph (g), by striking out the "and" at the end of paragraph (h) and by repealing (i); section 6 is amended by adding (1.1) to (1.3) after subsection (1); the portion of paragraph 6(3)(a) before subparagraph (i) is amended by striking out the word "chassis-cab"; subsections 6(4) to (7) are repealed; subsection 6(9) is replaced; the portion of subsection 6(11) before paragraph (a) is replaced; sections 6.1 to 6.6 are added after section 6; the portion of section 7 before paragraph (a) is replaced; section 7 is amended by striking out the "and" at the end of paragraph (b), by adding the "and" at the end of paragraph (c) and by adding (d) after paragraph (c);

SOR/2003-272 24 July, 2003 pursuant to section 5 and subsection 11(1) of *the Motor Vehicle Safety Act*, comes into force 24 July, 2003.

The portion of paragraph 6(1)(e) before subparagraph (i) is replaced; Paragraph 6(1)(f) is amended by adding subparagraph (vi) after subparagraph (v); Subparagraph 6(1)(f)(xi) is replaced; Subparagraphs 6(1)(f)(xviii) and (xix) are replaced; The portion of paragraph 6(3)(a) before subparagraph (i) is replaced.

SOR/2004-250 16 November, 2004 pursuant to section 5 and subsection 11(1) of *the Motor Vehicle Safety Act*, comes into force 16 November, 2004.

Paragraph 6(1)(c) is replaced.

SOR/2005-342 15 November, 2005 pursuant to section 5 and subsection 11(1) of *the Motor Vehicle Safety Act*, comes into force November 15, 2005.

Subparagraph 6.2(1)(f)(ii) is replaced

SOR/2005-342 15 November, 2005 pursuant to section 5 and subsection 11(1) of *the Motor Vehicle Safety Act*, comes into force January 1, 2006.

Paragraph 6(1)(f) is amended by striking out the word "and" at the end of subparagraph (xx) and by replacing subparagraph (xxi) and adding (xxii).

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