

# Vehicle Inspection Station and Dealer Advisory Bulletin

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## Re: Imported Vehicle Equipment Requirements

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We have become aware of an influx of vehicles 15 years and older that are being imported into Canada from offshore countries (predominately Japan) based on a federal exemption that does not require them to meet *Canada Motor Vehicle Safety Act* requirements prior to importation. This bulletin is to advise inspectors and dealers of the need to ensure these vehicles comply with provincially legislated equipment requirements in order to pass an inspection and be eligible for registration.

*Manitoba Regulation 75/94* establishes the Manitoba Vehicle Inspection Handbook as the standards of safety and repair of vehicles and provides the inspection procedures and criteria for determining compliance with the standards of safety and repair. The handbook must be consulted in order to determine equipment compliance at time of inspection.

**Typical items of non-compliance on these offshore vehicles may include but are not limited to the following:** Lamps, bulbs and reflex reflectors not meeting SAE or DOT (not marked); Daytime running lamps missing; High mounted stop lamp missing; Rear side marker reflex reflectors missing; Headlights do not meet CMVSS or SAE or DOT requirements (designed for right hand drive and not marked); Windshield, side and rear glass not marked with appropriate safety glass markings.

Additionally section 186 of *The Manitoba Highway Traffic Act* requires the following:

#### **Requirement for seat belts on sale of motor vehicle**

**186(10)** No manufacturer of motor vehicles and no dealer, and no agent or employee of a manufacturer of motor vehicles or a dealer, and no other person, shall sell a motor vehicle that is, or is advertised to be, a motor vehicle of the model or make of the year 1971 or any subsequent year, unless the motor vehicle is equipped at the time of sale with a seat belt assembly or automatic occupant protection system, as defined in and required by the regulations made under the *Motor Vehicle Safety Act* (Canada), installed by the manufacturer.

Any seat belt assembly that does not display the required Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 209 labeling will also result in the vehicle failing inspection.

If you require additional information please contact Vehicle Standards & Inspections at (204) 985-0920 or toll free 1-866-323-0542.