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North American Standard Driver/Vehicle Out-of-Service Criteria

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) has revised its 2005 North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria. Currently, the new April 1, 2006 edition replaces and supersedes all previous editions.

Part I (driver criteria) identifies violations that render the CMV operator unqualified to drive or Out-of-Service. The necessity for all enforcement personnel to implement and adhere to the standards is: 1) a matter of law; 2) perceived as necessary by the society CVSA is charged with protecting; and, 3) a professional obligation if substantial enhancement in the safety of CMV operators is to be achieved.

Part II (vehicle criteria) identifies critical vehicle inspection items and provides criteria for placing vehicles Out-of-Service subsequent to a safety inspection. Except where State, provincial, or federal laws preclude enforcement of a named item, motor carrier safety enforcement personnel and their jurisdictions should comply with these Out-of-Service violation standards.

Jurisdictions are taking an even closer look at vehicles and drivers because of security concerns. All CVSA-certified commercial vehicle law enforcement agencies in North America use the North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria. The criterion also is a resource document for truck and safety managers, fleet directors, drivers and shop professionals.

The handbook and out-of-service pictorial edition also includes descriptions of the CVSA North American Standard Levels of Inspection, Inspection Procedure Schematics, Mexican CDL information, the CVSA Strategic Plan, and select CVSA Operational Policies including an explanation of the CVSA Decal Program.

To order copies of the 2006 North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria, visit www.cvsa.org or contact CVSA Headquarters cvsahq@cvsa.org. If you have questions, comments or concerns, please contact CVSA Headquarters at 202-775-1623.

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