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Department of Highways & Public Works Announces New Exemption at the TIA Yukon Conference

Until now, all commercial passenger vehicles, crossing a 20 KM zone around the Whitehorse Weigh Scales, were required to report to the weigh scales every time they crossed that perimeter. This meant that most tour vehicles were required to make that stop, one or more times on every drive. This morning, Minister John Streicker announced an exemption for Tourism Industry passenger vehicles, from this antiquated piece of legislation.

Minister Streicker announced: “With respect to the 20km reporting requirement, a draft white paper will be released shortly, examining possible alternatives to the current requirements. In advance of the white paper release, and to support the Tourism industry while aligning with the majority of the country, I am pleased to confirm that we will be accelerating the introduction of modifications to reporting requirements for passenger vehicles.

Effective May 1, 2024, tourism companies can apply, free of charge for now, for a weigh scale exemption permit which applies to any commercial passenger vehicle in their fleet. This permit will exempt passenger vehicles from having to report to the weigh scales when entering or exiting the 20km radius from the weigh scales. These vehicles will still be subject to Periodic Motor Vehicle Inspection (PMVI) certification requirements under the National Safety Code. Also, to confirm that the PMVI requirements have been met, our officers will work directly with tourism operators to arrange an inspection of their vehicles at a time aimed at minimizing disruption to their operations.”

TIA Chair Tyler Rose stated: “This exemption serves to modernize the requirements and will be a welcome savings of time and expense to the tourism operators who transport visitors within the Whitehorse region.

Past TIA Chair Neil Hartling welcomed the announcement stating: "This is a great example of the Tourism Industry and government working together to find a balance in a piece of legislation that was drafted in a different era and no longer reflected the current conditions.

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