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DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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WARNING AGAINST OVERLOADING OF LORRIES

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TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY WARNED THAT OVERLOADING IN HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES WAS AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS PRACTICE AND ASKED THE OWNERS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR VEHICLE DESIGN WAS COMPATIABLE WITH THE LOAD THEY INTENDED TO CARRY.

SENIOR MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTOR, MR. KEN ANDREWS, SAID OPERATING A VEHICLE IN EXCESS OF ITS AXLE AND GROSS WEIGHTS WOULD RESULT IN A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN VEHICLE LIFE, INCREASED REPAIR BILLS, AND A DANGER TO THE DRIVER AND OTHER ROAD USERS.

OVERLOADING IN HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES, HE SAID, IS AN OFFENCE WHICH, UPON FIRST CONVICTION, CARRIES A PENALTY OF $500 AND THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT AND HEAVIER PENALTY UPON A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION.

+GENERALLY SPEAKING, HEAVY PLANT INCLUDING BULLDOZERS, EXCAVATORS AND FRONT-END LOADERS SHOULD BE TRANSPORTED ON LOW-LOADING SEMI-TRAILERS AS A HEAVY, HIGH LOAD GREATLY INCREASES THE CHANCE OF OVERTURNING.

+IF YOU CARRY STEEL REINFORCING BARS, YOU MUST ENSURE THE PRESENCE OF A TRESTLE TYPE HEADBOARD, CAPABLE OF WITHSTANDING THE COMBINED EFFECT OF DOWNWARD AND FORWARD FORCES EACH EQUAL TO HALF THE PERMISSIBLE PAYLOAD OF YOUR LORRY,+ HE SAID.

WHEREVER NECESSARY, MR. ANDREWS SAID, LOADS SHOULD BE HELD SECURELY BY ADEQUATE ANCHOR POINTS AND RESTRAINTS, SECURELY MOUNTED ON THE CHASIS AND NOT ON THE BODY OF THE VEHICLE.

AS AN AID FOR GOODS VEHICLE OWNERS TO PREPARE THEIR VEHICLE FOR MECHANICAL INSPECTION AT TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S VEHICLE INSPECTION CENTRES, HE LISTED 18 ITEMS WHICH THE MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTOR WOULD EXAMINE.

THESE ITEMS ARE SET OUT IN A LEAFLET WHICH, TOGETHER WITH ANOTHER LEAFLET REMINDING HEAVY GOODS VEHICLE OWNERS THE DANGER OF OVERLOADING, IS BEING HANDED OUT TO OWNERS AT THE DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING OFFICES.

MR. ANDREW SAID VEHICLES PRESENTED FOR MECHANICAL INSPECTION MUST BE CLEAN ENOUGH FOR THE MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTOR TO EXAMINE PROPERLY THE NECESSARY ITEMS.

THE 18 ITEMS ARE:-

(1) REGISTRATION PARTICULARS - THEY ARE GIVEN IN THE REGISTRATION BOOK AND MUST ACCORD WITH THE VEHICLE.
(2) UNLADEN WEIGHT - THIS WILL BE CHECKED.
(3) BODY - IT MUST BE SECURELY MOUNTED AND LOCKED TO VEHICLE FRAME, AND SHOULD BE IN GOOD CONDITION IN RESPECT OF EXTERIOR PANELLING AND PAINTWORK, WITH SOUND AND SERVICEABLE INTERIOR FRAMING. ALL GLASS MUST BE SAFETY GLASS.
(4) DOOR LOCKS - THESE AND THE HINGES SHOULD BE IN GOOD CONDITION.
(5) BATTERY - IT SHOULD GE SECURELY MOUNTED AND NOT OBSTRUCT CAB SEATING.
(6) LIGHTS - HEADLAMPS SHOULD BE CORRECTLY ADJUSTED WITH OPERATIONAL DIPPING DEVICE. SIDE LAMPS, REAR-STOP LAMPS AND INDICATION LAMPS SHOULD BE OPERATING CORRECTLY AND LEGALLY POSITIONED.
(7) WIND SCREEN - WIPERS AND WARNING DEVICE SHOULD BE OPERATING CORRECTLY.
(8) TYRES - THEY SHOULD BE FREE OF CUTS, ABRASIONS AND DEFORMITIES WITH 2 MM OF TREAD AVAILABLE. WHEELS AND WHEEL STUDS SHOULD BE TIGHT AND FREE OF FATIGUE CRACKS.
(9) NUMBER PLATES - THEY SHOULD BE LEGIBLE AND PROPERLY MOUNTED.
(10) CHASSIS - VISUAL CHECK WILL BE MADE FOR DISTORTION, CRACKS AND SECURE CROSS-NUMBERS.
(11) EXHAUST SYSTEM - IT SHOULD BE SOUND, SECURELY AND PROPERLY MOUNTED WITH AN EFFICIENT SILENCER.
(12) BRAKE - LININGS WILL BE CHECKED, EITHER BY REMOVING A DRUM OR BY INSPECTING APERTURES IN BACK PLATES WHERE APPLICABLE. ALL BRAKE LINES, RIGID AND FLEXIBLE, WILL BE EXAMINED FOR CORRECT ROUTING AND MOUNTING. THERE SHOULD BE NO LEAKS FROM THE BRAKE SYSTEM AND ALL COMPONENTS MAKING UP A PARTICULAR SYSTEM SHOULD BE IN GOOD CONDITION, INCLUDING POWER BRAKE COMPONENTS, WHERE FITTED.
(13) STEERING BOX - IT MUST BE SECURELY MOUNTED TO FRAME, AND CORRECTLY ADJUSTED. ALL STEERING ARMS AND DROP ARM SHOULD BE FREE OF DISTORTION AND CRACKS, AND MUST BE SECURELY MOUNTED AND LOCKED. FRONT WHEEL TRACK SHOULD BE CORRECTLY ADJUSTED. STUB AXLES SHOULD NOT HAVE EXCESSIVE END FLOAT, AND KING PINS AND BUSHES SHOULD BE SERVICEABLE.
(14) ROAD SPRINGS - THEY SHOULD BE IN SERVICEABLE CONDITION WITH SPRING CLIPS PROPERLY CLAMPED. SPRING LEAVES AND CENTRE BOLTS MUST NOT BE BROKEN. ALL U BOLTS MUST BE TIGHT AND LOCKED. SHACKLE PINS AND BUSHES SHOULD BE IN SERVICEABLE CONDITION, PROPERLY ADJUSTED AND LOCKED, AND SHOCK ABSORBERS, WHERE FITTED, SHOULD BE SECURELY MOUNTED AND EFFECTIVE.
(15) ENGINE - ENGINE-TRANSMISSION MOUNTINGS SHOULD BE SOUND AND SECURELY MOUNTED. ENGINE, TRANSMISSION AND FINAL DRIVE UNITS SHOULD BE FREE OF EXCESSIVE OIL LEAKS.
(16) PROPELLER - SHAFT BEARING AND CENTRE BEARING, WHERE APPLICABLE, SHOULD BE SERVICEABLE. PROPELLER SHAFT BOLTS, TOGETHER WITH OUTPUT FLANGES, MUST BE TIGHT AND LOCKED.
(17) FUEL - THE SYSTEM SHOULD BE FREE FROM LEAKS WITH FUEL LINES PROPERLY ROUTED AND SECURED.
(18) SMOKE - VISUAL ASSESSMENT WILL BE MADE OF SMOKE EMISSION AND IN CASES OF DOUBT REGARDING THIS AND BRAKE EFFICIENCY, THE VEHICLE WILL BE ROAD TESTED.

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MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT ON CAR REPAIRS AND SERVICING INDUSTRY

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THE SECOND MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT ON THE AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING INDUSTRY IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT THE STAR FERRY CONCOURSE, HONG KONG.

PREPARED BY THE AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, THE REPORT PROVIDES STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON THE EMPLOYMENT STRUCTURE OF THE AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING INDUSTRY, THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN EACH OF THE PRINCIPAL JOBS, THE EDUCATION STANDARD PREFERRED FOR THE DIFFERENT JOBS, AND THE TRAINING NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY.

IT ALSO CONTAINS RECOMMENDATIONS, MADE TO BOTH THE INDUSTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT, ON MEASURES NECESSARY TO MEET THE TRAINING NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY.

THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED IN MAY 1974 BY THE AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

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SEVERAL MORE DISABLED PEOPLE WERE PLACED IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF THIS YEAR FROM JULY TO SEPTEMBER THAN IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

DURING THAT PERIOD, THE JOB PLACEMENT UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FOUND WORK FOR A TOTAL OF 38 PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT DISABILITIES. THIS COMPARED WITH 33 IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS.

LAST MONTH, A TOTAL OF 15 WERE EMPLOYED, MOST OF THEM IN THE GARMENT INDUSTRY AS MACHINE SEWING WORKERS. OTHER TYPES OF WORK FOUND FOR THE DISABLED INCLUDED JOBS AS TYPESETTER, PACKER, TELEPHONE OPERATOR AND CARETAKER.

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