

Newsletter

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Vehicle & Operator Services Agency



The April go-live date is now only a matter of weeks away. In this, the third IVA Newsletter, we will provide you with further vehicle specific information on the forthcoming IVA scheme including demonstrating compliance for Japanese passenger vehicles, news on the extension of SVA certificate validity for registration and some additional information on Heavy Goods vehicles, Trailers and Larger Passenger vehicles. However, our main feature is the long awaited list of IVA inspection fees for the different vehicle categories which you will find at the end of this Newsletter and which have now been agreed with the Minister for Transport, Jim Fitzpatrick. Before the Regulations become law however, they need the approval of Parliament.

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SVA to IVA Changes: Demonstrating Compliance for Passenger Cars (M1)

Imported Vehicles from Japan

Imported vehicles from Japan make up a large percentage of the vehicles submitted to SVA and this is expected to continue under IVA. In the past, Directive compliance in respect of noise and emissions has been demonstrated by the use of Model Reports and with other items, by the use of comparable Japanese standards.

Within the development of IVA, the re-assessment of Japanese standards and their comparison with the EC Directive requirements has resulted in Japanese comparable standards being acceptable for emissions and noise. Whilst all vehicles are included for noise, for emissions the vehicle must have been registered for at least **6 months**. Both requirements are dependent on the applicant being able to demonstrate (e.g. using a de-registration document) that the vehicle was approved to the Japanese standard.

The use of Model Reports will therefore reduce significantly, although reports created for SVA

will however be revised and available for use under IVA.

Type Approved Vehicle without a Certificate of Conformity

SVA allows vehicles displaying a Type Approval number on the VIN plate to be accepted on the basis of an approval.

Confirmation of the approval is required from the manufacturer and, in addition, the vehicle is required to be new i.e. the vehicle has not done more than **3,000kms** (or 1,865 miles). The vehicle would only then be subject to a cursory check to confirm approval markings and left hand rule of the road items e.g. headlamps and speedometer.

Due to the difficulties establishing and confirming the mileage covered by such vehicles, particularly where the speedometer has been changed, for the purposes of IVA, the vehicle will also need to be **less than 12 months old**.

Therefore evidence of the age of the vehicle will need to be provided with any application for approval on this basis.

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Kit Cars and Evidence of Engine Origins

A further change with the introduction of IVA relates to the use of a donor vehicle registration document to demonstrate that the engine and components used in a 'Category C' build originated from that vehicle. Where the engine used is alleged to be from the donor vehicle but was not the original engine fitted to it, the registration document (V5) will not, in isolation, be considered as satisfactory evidence of the engine installation in the vehicle. Further evidence of the engine installation (e.g. photographic evidence) will be required.

SVA Certificate Validity Extended

Single Vehicle Approval Certificates, or to give them their correct name, Minister's Approval Certificates issued to **Passenger cars**, were originally to have a valid life until 31st October 2009.

This date has now been extended until **31st December 2009**. This will now be the last day on which a Minister's Approval Certificate for a **Passenger car** can be used for the purposes of registration and licensing of the vehicle.

Only if the certificate was issued to a Passenger vehicle which is a Special Purpose vehicle (e.g. an Ambulance or a Wheelchair Accessible vehicle) or a Goods vehicle, will its validity extend beyond 31st December 2009.

If a certificate issued to a Passenger car is not used by

this date, it will be necessary to apply for and obtain an IVA certificate to register/first licence the vehicle.

Heavy Goods Vehicles, Trailers and Larger Passenger Vehicles

Additional Information

As scheme development continues, the first draft of the IVA Guide currently on our websites will be replaced (late March/early April) by a more comprehensive document. We will also be adding application forms to our websites together with guidance notes for each of the vehicle categories. The notes will give a good indication of what will be required by way of information and documentation to obtain an approval.

If you are a vehicle manufacturer, converter, body builder or anyone who is involved in the manufacture or modification of vehicles, particularly before they are registered, and you would like to find out how this will affect you, then go to :

www.transportoffice.gov.uk

(From the Home page - Vehicle Dealerships and Importers ► ISO Certification and Type Approval ► European Community Whole Vehicle Type Approval).

Trailers and Larger Vehicles

Vehicle Compliance

Although the mandatory introduction dates for Type Approval (which are listed in our February 2009 Newsletter)



remain several months ahead, IVA will be available on an 'optional' basis for the larger vehicles from **29th April 2009**. This will allow those in the industry to apply for an approval well ahead of the mandatory date to help ensure they are ready for when their product will have to comply.

If you require further information on the scheme and how it might affect you, or if you have a specific question, please contact us by e-mail on :

enquiries@vosa.gov.uk

IVA Fees Announced

The proposed IVA fees for the various categories of vehicle will be introduced by 'The Road Vehicles (Individual Approval) (Fees) Regulations 2009'. The fees were originally part of the scheme consultation last summer, however, having carried out further assessment on the time anticipated to conduct the inspection and the scheme costs, the result is that several of the fees are lower than first thought. Please see the following fees table :

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IVA INSPECTION FEES FROM 29 APRIL 2009

PASSENGER VEHICLES

PASSENGER CARS M1 (No more than 8 seats in addition to the driver's seat)

STATUTORY

Basic (Classes N, P, M, L)

Basic (Classes A, C, S)

Normal

INSPECTION

£ 199.00

£ 450.00

£ 199.00

RE-INSPECTION⁺

£ 40.00

£ 90.00

£ 40.00

VOLUNTARY

Basic (Classes N, P, M, L)

Basic (Classes A, C, S)

Normal

INSPECTION

£ 199.00 + VAT

£ 450.00 + VAT

£ 199.00 + VAT

RE-INSPECTION⁺

£ 40.00 + VAT

£ 90.00 + VAT

£ 40.00 + VAT

MINIBUSES M2 (> 8 seats in addition to driver's seat & not over 5 tonnes)

STATUTORY

IVA

UNECE Regulation 107.02 Inspection

Witness of Tilt test

INSPECTION

£ 250.00

Variable Fee *

Variable Fee *

RE-INSPECTION⁺

£ 50.00

Variable Fee *

Variable Fee *

* Subject to individual circumstances e.g. time taken to inspect/test and any associated costs

BUSES & COACHES M3 (> 8 seats in addition to driver's seat & over 5 tonnes)

STATUTORY

2 Axle

3 Axle

UNECE Regulation 107.02 Inspection

Witness of Tilt test

INSPECTION

£ 360.00

£ 360.00

Variable Fee *

Variable Fee *

RE-INSPECTION⁺

£ 72.00

£ 72.00

Variable Fee *

Variable Fee *

* Subject to individual circumstances e.g. time taken to inspect/test and any associated costs

GOODS VEHICLES

GOODS VEHICLES N2 & N3 (Medium to Heavy Vans & Trucks)

STATUTORY

N2 - Over 3.5 tonnes but not over 12 tonnes

N3 - Over 12 tonnes

INSPECTION

£ 230.00

£ 230.00

RE-INSPECTION⁺

£ 46.00

£ 46.00

TRAILERS

TRAILERS - O1, O2, O3 & O4 (Very Light/Light & Medium to Heavy Trailers)

STATUTORY

O1 - 0.75 tonnes or less

O2 - Over 0.75 tonnes but not over 3.5 tonnes

O3 - Over 3.5 tonnes but not over 10 tonnes

O4 - Over 10 tonnes

INSPECTION

£ 70.00

£ 70.00

£ 145.00

£ 145.00

RE-INSPECTION⁺

£ 14.00

£ 14.00

£ 29.00

£ 29.00

OUT OF HOURS

STATUTORY

All Vehicle Categories

INSPECTION

£ 95.00*

RE-INSPECTION⁺

£ 19.00*

VOLUNTARY

M1 (Passenger Cars) Category ONLY

INSPECTION

£ 95.00* + VAT

RE-INSPECTION⁺

£ 19.00* + VAT

* Fees quoted are to be paid in addition to the individual IVA inspection fee

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Mutual Recognition / EC Approved Vehicles without Certificate of Conformity

£ 100.00

Replacement Individual Approval Certificate (IAC)

£ 25.00

⁺RE-INSPECTION FEES

Please Note : the re-inspection fee is not payable in respect of specified minor items of non-compliance. Details of when the re-inspection fee will be waived will be published on www.transportoffice.gov.uk and www.direct.gov by 29th April 2009.

APPEALS

The cost of an appeal inspection is the same as that of an IVA inspection for the vehicle category concerned.



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