

Newsletter

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In this Newsletter, we will introduce you to new forthcoming European legislation as well as providing you with some information surrounding the Individual Vehicle Type Approval scheme (IVA) and the forthcoming changes from SVA to IVA. We will bring you up to date with the latest developments and what vehicle groups will be affected by the new legislation. Also in this issue we will be advising you of when you can apply for an IVA inspection (including optional IVA inspections) and where your vehicle can be examined.

There will be further Newsletters between now and the date when the legislation becomes UK law.

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The New Legislation - who will be affected and when?

In October 2007, the current European Type Approval scheme for cars known as European Community Whole Vehicle Type Approval (ECWVTA) was amended by the Recast Framework Directive 2007/46/EC. Due to this new legislation, European Type Approval will extend to cover other vehicle groups for the first time. The Directive details the mandatory implementation dates for all categories of vehicles affected, the first being (M1) passenger cars which are covered by this Newsletter, followed by buses, coaches, vans, trucks, some special purpose vehicles and trailers at key dates between 2009 and 2014.

SVA becomes IVA

Individual approval for cars and light goods vehicles registered in Great Britain is currently managed through the Single Vehicle Approval scheme. On April 29th 2009 however, SVA will be replaced by Individual Vehicle Approval (IVA) inspections for M1 passenger vehicles. Similar to SVA, IVA is a UK National approval scheme

for vehicles being imported, assembled or manufactured in small numbers or as individual vehicles.

Vehicles submitted for IVA inspections will need to demonstrate they generally comply with the technical provisions of the Recast Framework Directive. You are strongly advised to learn as much as you can about the differences between SVA and IVA so that you are ready to gain approval for your vehicle when the legislation comes into effect on 29th April 2009.

Last applications for SVA

Due to the introduction of IVA for passenger cars, applications for Single Vehicle Approval inspections will not be accepted after 28th February 2009. This will allow applications which are received up to and including the 28th February 2009 to be processed and these vehicles to be examined by the 28th April 2009, after which IVA will become mandatory. 'Initial' inspections for SVA will continue until IVA inspections are introduced on 29th April 2009. This does not however apply to vans or special purpose vehicles e.g. armoured

vehicles, hearses, wheelchair accessible vehicles, motor caravans or ambulances as SVA will continue to be available to these categories until 2011 or 2012 respectively.

Applying for an IVA inspection

IVA applications for M1 passenger cars will be accepted from 31st March 2009 in preparation for examinations to commence on April 29th. Applications and relevant supporting documentation should be submitted to **VOSA, IVA Section, Ellipse, Padley Road, Swansea, SA1 8AN.**

SVA Re-examinations

All 'initial' SVA examinations conducted on vehicles before 29th April 2009 for which a "refusal to issue an approval certificate" is issued, will be allowed up to 6 months in which to be re-presented for a 're-examination' as provided for in current regulations.

SVA Certificate Validity

Due to the mandatory introduction of IVA, an SVA certificate issued to a passenger car (other than a van or special purpose vehicle) will only be valid for registration purposes until 31st October 2009. After this date, SVA certificates presented to the DVLA in support of an application to register a passenger car will not be accepted.

Authorised Sites - Passenger Cars

IVA examinations for passenger cars will continue to be carried out at the VOSA sites currently used for Single Vehicle Approval.

Optional IVA Inspections for larger vehicles

As already mentioned in this Newsletter, from 29th April 2009 passenger cars must comply with the new legislation. However, optional IVA inspections will also be available from this date for buses, coaches, trucks and trailers prior to their mandatory implementation dates (this will not apply to vans, light trucks, pick-ups, etc). Compulsory approval for these vehicles will be introduced in stages over the next few years from 2009 to 2014.

Optional IVA inspections for larger vehicles will take place at the five VOSA sites listed below:

Avonmouth (Bristol)

Merebank Road, Avonmouth
BS11 8AQ

Gillingham, Ambley Road
Gillingham, Kent, ME8 8XB

Derby, Curzon Lane
Alvaston, Derby, DE24 8XB

Chadderton

(North Manchester)
Broad Gate, Broadway
Business Park, Chadderton
Oldham, OL9 9XA

Glasgow (Bishopbriggs)
Crosshill Road, Bishopbriggs
Glasgow, G64 2QA

For further information regarding European Community Whole Vehicle Type Approval (ECWVTA) and Individual Vehicle Approval (IVA), please visit the following websites:

Department for Transport:

www.dft.gov.uk/typeapproval

VOSA (Individual Vehicle Approval services):

www.transportoffice.gov.uk

(Click on the 'Vehicle Dealerships and Importers' menu option)

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