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ENFORCEMENT MORATORIUM EXTENDED
CONSUMER ADVISORY: PARTITIONS/CAMERAS MUST BE INSTALLED BY AUTHORIZED VENDORS

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) hereby announces that the enforcement date for the partition/camera requirement (emergency rule promulgated on April 18, 2000; see Industry Notice #00-14) has been extended until further notice.

Although the TLC has added to the number of authorized partition manufacturers and installers and camera installers, we are aware that demand has exceeded supply in recent weeks. While the backlog has been systematically decreasing thanks to the aforementioned increased manufacture and installation capacity, we believe additional time is necessary to provide our licensees every opportunity to enhance their protection with either a bullet-resistant partition or in-vehicle infrared digital security camera.

In addition, it has come to our attention that installers of devices not in compliance with the TLC’s specifications have solicited some vehicle owners. For your protection and safety, the TLC urges all vehicle owners to choose an installer from the TLC’s list of authorized safety partition/security camera service providers. The location of these authorized manufacturers/installers may be found by contacting FHV bases, FHV and Taxi Associations, licensed taximeter shops, or by visiting the TLC’s official web site at www.NYC.gov-taxi.

Vehicle owners may receive information on the Partition/Security Camera Reimbursement Program by calling the TLC at 212-676-1055, or 212-676-1140.