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TLC EXTENDS COMPLIANCE DATE FOR LEAP YEAR METER CONVERSION

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) reminds all medallion taxicab drivers that 2004 is a leap year, and that taximeters should reflect this. As of 11:59 p.m. on February 28, all taximeters should "leap" from February 28 to February 29, not to March 1. The TLC has been advised by Metrometer that the clock chip in their taximeters has expired and will not advance, affecting approximately 3,400 taxis.

In order to ensure that all taximeters display the appropriate date, an extension to the date of compliance has been granted, expiring on Sunday, March 7, 2004 at 11:59 p.m. This extension is for date errors only and should not be confused with a taximeter with fast/slow time of day displayed.

After the expiration of this extension, any medallion taxicab found to be operating with a taximeter that does not reflect the proper date will be subject to enforcement action.

Medallion owners whose taximeters require a correction of the date are to have the work performed by a TLC-licensed taximeter shop. Any questions may be directed to the TLC’s Safety and Emissions-Meter Unit at 718-267-4582.