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TLC SETS NEW INSPECTION POLICY TO ASSIST IN TAXI INDUSTRY TRANSITION TO OBD II

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) today announced a new inspection policy to assist the medallion taxicab industry with its transition to On-Board Diagnostics II (OBD II) inspection protocols.

Currently, the credentials of medallion taxicabs that have failed a third re-inspection for any reason are confiscated, requiring that the vehicle be taken out of service until such time as the condition is corrected and the vehicle is successfully inspected. In addition, a $35 re-inspection fee is charged at that time.

During the period from Monday, August 1, 2005 - November 1, 2005, those medallion taxicabs that fail re-inspection ONLY due to OBD II Readiness Monitor Failure will not have their rate cards confiscated until the fifth re-inspection. The fee structure for re-inspections will NOT be affected. Please note that any medallion taxicabs that fail for ANY reason other than OBD II Readiness Monitor Failure will have their rate cards confiscated after the third failed re-inspection.

This extension will NOT affect any inspections or re-inspections that took place prior to August 1, 2005.