2019 Mandatory Inspection Program Updates

The telephone numbers for the Commercial Vehicle Section have changed. The main number is now 651/350-2000. Refer to the 2019 Certified Inspector Student Handbook, page iii, for additional information. The handbook is available on our Website.

New Forms

The periodic inspection form has undergone some minor revisions. New forms marked with a revision date of 01/01/2019, must be in use no later than March 1, 2019. A revised eForm will also be available online prior to March 1.

Manual Updates

Here is a summary of revisions to the Mandatory Inspection Program and incorporated in the 2019 Student Handbook.

- Page ii. Updated instructor/auditor name and cell number.
- Page iii. Updated telephone numbers, including the MIP Coordinator’s direct number.
- Page 16. Removed the provision allowing occasional inspections outside the inspector’s place of employment.
- Page 19. The Periodic Vehicle Inspection Report form was revised to clarify inspection items, including:
  - o Item 6. Renamed from Load Securement to Safe Loading;
  - o Item 9c. Added clarification: Trailers Only; and
  - o Item 20. Changed from Hood, Front Bumper, Body Parts to Cab & Body Components.
- Page 23. Clarifies an inspection decal must be issued when all inspection items are in compliance with federal regulations and Minnesota special provisions. A notation is added to for inspectors to retain all leftover decals through the end of the year following the year of issue, including the example: Retain 2018 decals through December 2019.
- Pages 27, 28, and 30. Removed language stating a brake push rod stroke measurement at the adjustment limit is cause to fail the inspection. Only a measurement that exceeds the readjustment limit shall be cause to fail the inspection.
- Page 37. Moved the breakaway brakes testing procedure for hydraulic surge brakes to this page. Added note: This test requires two people.
- Page 38. Removed notation regarding checking hydraulic brakes with the engine running and with the engine off.
- Page 48. Removed Figure 3 re: prohibition on twisting chains.
- Page 82. A Minnesota decal shall be affixed only to a commercial motor vehicle registered in Minnesota, including a vehicle with a 21-day temporary registration; or self-propelled special mobile equipment mounted on a commercial motor vehicle chassis.