



Division 02 **Apparatus and Equipment**

Chapter 16 – Maryland Motor Carrier Safety Program

February 2009

POLICY

This General Order shall set forth a policy and procedure for compliance with the Preventive Maintenance Program/Annotated Code 3 of Maryland, Transportation Article, Title 23, Sections 23-301 through 23-305 and Title 11, Subtitle 22.

DEFINITIONS

N/A

PROCEDURES

1. General Guidelines

No vehicle shall be operated on Maryland highways unless the vehicle has been inspected and corrective repairs made to any defects found during the inspection that render the vehicle unsafe. The North American Uniform Vehicle Out of Service Criteria shall be the established minimum criteria for denoting a vehicle unsafe.

All vehicles operating with a gross weight over 10,000 pounds shall be systematically inspected, repaired and maintained at least every 12 months or 25,000 miles, whichever occurs first. This is done in accordance with the Preventive Maintenance Standards for Trucks and Truck Trailers and as amended in the Code of Maryland Regulations.

All vehicles in the above classification will be inspected in conjunction with the annual brake inspection or 25,000 miles, whichever occurs first.

The inspection will be coordinated by Apparatus Maintenance. A shop ticket will be issued using the suffix of MSP, following the procedures denoted in General Order Division 02, Chapter 45.

A vehicle certification will be affixed in the cab area of each vehicle that is covered by this regulation.

2. Responsibilities

To assist in the compliance, the appropriate driver or technician will incorporate the inspection of this certification form in the monthly inspection of the vehicle. For any vehicle that is within 30 days of being expired, the appropriate driver or technician will notify Apparatus Maintenance to schedule the vehicle for the Preventive Maintenance Program Inspection.

The Preventive Maintenance Inspection Report will be completed by the designated inspector and filed with Apparatus Maintenance. Upon receipt of the Inspection Report and completion of any repairs that may have been required, Apparatus Maintenance will issue a Certification.

Apparatus Maintenance shall be responsible for maintaining the appropriate records for each applicable vehicle in accordance with the Preventive Maintenance Program.

REFERENCES

Annotated Code 3 of Maryland, Transportation Article, Title 23, Sections 23-301 through 23-305 and Title 11, Subtitle 22



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FORMS/ATTACHMENTS

Vehicle Certification

Preventive Maintenance Inspection Report

STATE OF MARYLAND

Preventive Maintenance Program Certification

Owner _____

Vehicle ID No. _____

In compliance with Transportation Article, Section 23-305, Annotated Code of Maryland, the undersigned certifies the vehicle described above is subject to a preventive maintenance plan requiring a systematic inspection, service, repair and maintenance at least every 25,000 miles or 12 months, whichever occurs first.

Owner/Agent Signature _____

Date _____

This form or a copy of the most recent inspection, including maintenance or repair record must be carried in or on the vehicle at all times when it is operated on the highways of Maryland.