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Item 1 Retest Procedures

Matters of Testing, Edition 32 (July 06) includes an article and DVD explaining future changes to the retest procedures. As it is always useful to receive important information in advance of the official change this edition of Matters of Testing was considered to be the most timely.

These changes are not planned to be implemented until late summer and you must continue to apply the current retest procedures until you receive formal notification by Special Notice that the system has been introduced.

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All Nominated Testers must acknowledge via the VTS Device (from 31 July) confirming that they have read and understood the contents of this Special Notice relevant to NTs for the classes they test. AEs must keep a paper copy of this SN on their records. AEs testing in classes IV, V & VII should record, in the space below, the date of receipt of the In Service Exhaust Emissions Standards for Road Vehicles (Twelfth Edition) book sent with the paper copy of this Special Notice.

Date received:

Signature:

Item 2 Spark Ignition Engine Emission Testing on and After 1 August 2006

Enclosed is the Twelfth Edition of the "In-Service Exhaust Emission Standards for Road Vehicles" Book with graduated yellow front cover.

From 1 August 2006 until your analyser database is updated, if you test any vehicle listed you must base your test and pass/fail decision on the limits shown in the Twelfth Edition. These may vary from those in your analyser database.

All 1996 specification exhaust gas analysers must have the database updated as soon after 31 July 2006 as possible. This is the normal annual update. All databases must be updated by 30 November 2006.

If your analyser can be updated by purchasing a disc and loading it yourself, then we will expect you to do this during August providing the disc is available. Some analysers require an engineer to visit and carry out an update which is why we allow the additional period.

Item 3 Equipment Calibration Dates

Roller/plate brake testers and headlamp aim testers can be calibrated anytime during the six months following its last date of calibration. The equipment is then considered calibrated until the end of the 6th month.

When entering the calibration details on the VTS Device it is important that you record the correct date. For computerisation purposes the date to be entered must be the date the calibration is next due, i.e. the day after calibration has expired, not the date of expiry as the system will prevent the use of that piece of equipment at the beginning of the entered date.

Example: If an RBT is calibrated on the 15 Jan 2006 – the calibration expiry is the 31 July 2006. In this case you must enter 1 August 2006 as the date next calibration is due. Therefore any calibration must be carried out before the 1 August 2006 and the system will not prevent you from testing with equipment still in calibration.

Item 4 Fallback Procedure Changes – VTS Device printer failure

Functionality has now been changed to allow MOT documentation to be handwritten and issued to the customer in the event of a failure of the document printer. In order to be able to produce a handwritten document you must press the 'cancel print' button, a screen will then be displayed showing the details of the test that would have been printed out. The NT should **carefully** copy this information onto the relevant documents.

NB: before you handwrite any documentation you must inform the SBS Service Desk of the failure of the printer and obtain an incident number this need only be done once when the printer failure is initially identified. Please refer to the MOT Testing Guide 6th Edition Section M page 10 7.2 a Note.

Customers may exchange handwritten documents for printed versions free of charge. This can be done using the exchange documents > enter test details screen.

Amendments have been made to the following pages of the electronic MOT Testing Guide (6th Edition) which can be viewed on the VTS Device by using the F5 function key. Amended pages for the hard copy MOT Testing Guide will follow at a later date, in the interim the amended pages may be printed from the VTS Device and inserted at the appropriate place.

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