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FTTC Guidance General Advice - No. 5 Relaxation for Tachograph Inspections and Calibrations

ON FRIDAY 3RD APRIL 2020, THE GOVERNMENT PUBLISHED A TEMPORARY RELAXATION ON THE REQUIREMENT FOR CALIBRATION AND PERIODIC INSPECTION OF TACHOGRAPHS. PLEASE SEE THE SUMMARY OF THIS BELOW ALONG WITH OUR GUIDANCE FROM FOSTER TACHOGRAPHS & TRANSPORT COMPLIANCE

Periodic inspections and initial calibrations

The requirement to calibrate or inspect tachographs periodically has been relaxed and until **FURTHER NOTICE**, all tachograph calibration and inspection expiry dates are extended by 3 months.

FTTC GUIDANCE – Please check all periodic inspection and calibration dates and ensure that the relaxed time scale is not missed – put these on your Forward Planner.

Any faults with the tachograph system must still be repaired as normal and therefore the tachograph must still be recording accurately and sealed and therefore if it is faulty it must still be repaired in accordance with the law.

FTTC GUIDANCE – Therefore, on a digital tachograph, in broad terms, if the registration number is changed, the tyre size changes, the tachograph is faulty or the clock is out by 20 minutes when compared to UTC time the tachograph must be recalibrated – there are other reasons, but these are the main four that occur.

The DfT are going to issue further guidance when available.

DVSA examiner visits

Until further notice, all Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) examiner visits are suspended with immediate effect. This relates to Calibration Centres, but will, we believe also apply to Traffic Examiners undertaking checks on Operators remotely to ensure continued compliance.

1C tachograph retrofit program

The timescales for the temporary derogation to allow 1B tachographs to be installed in 1C vehicles have been suspended. Any vehicle that required a 1C tachograph to be installed from 15 June 2019 but instead had a 1B tachograph installed (due to the unavailability of the Kitas 4 sender unit) will not require retrofitting with a 1C tachograph until further notice.

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FTTC GUIDANCE – Operators should check all the calibration dates and check the expiry dates

Make a note of the relaxation in the vehicle file explaining the position and the relaxation of the law.

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A GREAT DEAL MORE IN THIS DOCUMENT SPECIFICALLY RELEVANT TO CALIBRATION STATIONS – IF YOU ARE A CALIBRATION STATION, AS WELL AS AN OPERATOR THE LINK TO THE FULL GUIDANCE IS HERE:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/approved-tachograph-centre-special-notice-01-20/approved-tachograph-centre-special-notice-01-20>

DVSA will keep these arrangements under review in line with developments in the government's advice and should they change we will inform you accordingly.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES PLEASE CALL FOSTER TACHOGRAPHS & TRANSPORT COMPLIANCE
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