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Ontario Trucking Association (OTA)

RE: Ministry of Transportation - DriveON

To Whom It May Concern

I would like to share an update on the Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) work to modernize Ontario's Motor Vehicle Inspection Station (MVIS) program and integrate vehicle safety and emissions inspections in a single program.

This spring, Ontario will introduce DriveON, a new digital vehicle safety and emissions inspection program that will modernize and streamline the vehicle safety and emissions inspection process for station owners and vehicle owners. This new program will also enable a new "one test, one result" for vehicle safety inspections and heavy diesel commercial motor vehicle emissions testing that will reduce vehicle down time. Owners who previously chose to have safety and emissions inspections on their heavy diesel commercial motor vehicles performed separately will still have the option to do so.

On June 4, 2021, MTO awarded Parsons Inc., a third-party service provider, a contract to develop the digital platform to deliver the DriveON program. MTO has developed a four-phase implementation strategy to transition stations currently participating in Ontario's emission testing and/or MVIS programs to DriveON's new Vehicle Inspection Centre (VIC) model. This transition will begin with stations delivering heavy diesel commercial motor vehicle emissions testing in April 2022.

To maintain business continuity, MTO will transition stations in phases over the next two years. In Fall/Winter 2022-23, the DriveON will expand to include digital safety standards certificate inspections for cars, light-duty trucks, and motorcycles, replacing the current paper-based safety standards certificate inspection.

DriveON will begin rolling out to stations in the MVIS program in February 2023. The rollout of digital vehicle safety inspections will also support new regulations coming into effect on August 1, 2024, to require commercial motor vehicle owners to provide a current annual or semi-annual safety inspection to register or renew a vehicle licence plate.

MTO anticipates that once fully implemented, DriveON will reduce opportunities for fraud, eliminate paper waste, improve compliance with commercial motor vehicle safety standards, and help protect people and the environment from smog-causing pollutants.

If you have questions about the DriveON program, please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/driveon-emissions-and-safety-inspection-program> or contact us at cvor@ontario.ca.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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