

Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory Procedures

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PROCEDURE STATEMENT

The Texas Transportation Code, Title 7, Subtitle C, Chapter 548 administered by the Department of Public Safety promulgates the requirements of the 74th Legislature for compulsory inspections of vehicles and a compulsory emission testing program of vehicles in non-attainment areas.

REASON FOR PROCEDURE

This procedure provides guidance to units for the inspection of vehicles to comply with the Texas Transportation Code

PROCEDURES & RESPONSIBILITIES

1.0 INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

- 1.1 Compulsory Inspection of Vehicles—Vehicles, i.e. motor vehicles, trailers, semi-trailers, pole trailers, and mobile homes, registered in Texas and operated on the highways of Texas will be inspected annually by a state-certified and supervised inspection station.
 - A. Trailers, semi-trailers, pole trailers, or mobile homes with a gross weight, including the load thereon, of 4,000 pounds or less are exempt.
 - B. The initial inspection period is two years for a passenger car or light truck that is sold in this state; has not been previously registered in this or another state; and, on the date of sale, is of the current or preceding model year.
- 1.2 Any person operating a Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) vehicle on the highways of this state without displaying a valid inspection certificate is subject to conviction of a misdemeanor.

2.0 UNIT HEAD RESPONSIBILITIES

Each unit head is responsible for the following:

- 2.1 Have all TVMDL-owned vehicles, as defined, inspected at a state certified and supervised inspection station.
- 2.2 Follow the inspection period set by the Department of Public Safety.
- 2.3 Pay fees for inspection and costs for required adjustments, corrections, or repairs from funds budgeted for maintenance.

RELATED STATUTES, POLICIES, OR REQUIREMENTS

[System Policy 21.01](#), *Financial Policies, Systems, and Procedures*

[System Regulation 21.01.08](#), *Vehicle Fleet Management*

CONTACT OFFICE

Questions concerning this procedure should be referred to the TVMDL Fleet Manager at 979-845-3414.