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**RE:** Recent regulatory amendments made under the *Highway Traffic Act*

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This memo is to notify you of recent changes to regulations under the [Highway Traffic Act](#) (HTA) related to personal-use pickup trucks and trailers.

I would like to thank everyone that provided feedback for the valuable information and expertise that helped bring these changes to completion.

**Effective July 1, 2019**, pickup trucks and trailers for personal use are exempt from the requirement for an annual inspection (both the inspection and displaying the yellow decal/sticker).

A pickup truck and any trailer drawn by the pickup truck qualify for the exemption provided the following criteria is met:

- The pickup truck and trailer are being used for personal use without compensation; AND
- The pickup truck and trailer are NOT carrying commercial tools or cargo, or equipment of a type normally used for commercial purposes.

For the exemption to apply, the pickup truck must:

- Have a manufacturer's Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 6,500 kg or less AND
- Be fitted with either the original, unmodified box that was installed by the manufacturer or an unmodified replacement box that duplicates the one originally installed by the manufacturer.

For consistency and clarity, **effective July 1, 2019**, the weight threshold for other exemptions already granted to personal-use pickup trucks under the HTA related to Commercial Vehicle Operator's Registration (CVOR), daily inspections, hours of service and class of driver's licence for towed house trailers will change from 6,000 kg GVWR to 6,500 kg GVWR.

Additional details will be available on the ministry's website at:

<http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/trucks/index.shtml>

Questions about these changes may be directed to [cvor@ontario.ca](mailto:cvor@ontario.ca) or 1-800-387-7736 (within Ontario) or 1-416-246-7166.

Please share this information with members of your organization. I personally want to thank you for your support and assistance with this initiative.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ian Freeman".

Ian Freeman  
Director