VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM

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IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

• In implementing the Vehicle Safety Inspection Program, the Bureau is considering the following:
  
  • The financial impact for initial implementation:
    
    • Additional equipment cost for stations
    
    • Additional inspection cost for consumers
  
  • A phased-in approach to ensure licensed technicians and stations can reliably and accurately perform the required inspection
  
  • How to best use existing systems and infrastructure for the new program
INITIAL REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK

• In January, BAR requested assistance in implementing the new program and asked for feedback on the following topics:
  • Verification that the vehicle being certified was inspected
  • Verification that a licensed technician performed the inspection
  • Systems or items to be inspected
  • Transitioning from brake and lamp station/adjuster licenses to new vehicle safety station/technician licenses
VERIFICATION OF VEHICLE AND TECHNICIAN

• Based upon industry feedback and internal discussions, BAR concluded the new inspection system should:
  • Share hardware with the OIS, including any biometrics scanner, and Data Acquisition Device
  • Require an OBD scan on 2000 and newer vehicles, consistent with the Smog Check Program
  • In addition to verification of vehicles and technicians, based on the data, these requirements could assist in developing a second phase for the program that includes an ADAS scan
Based upon industry feedback and internal discussions, BAR concluded the new inspection should consist of nine parts:

1. OBD Scan
   - 2000 and newer vehicles, consistent with Smog Check Program

2. Lighting System
   - Consistent with current lamp inspection
3. Braking System
   - Consistent with current brake inspection, with the addition of ABS Warning Light

4. Passenger Compartment, which includes:
   - Mirrors, Windshield, Rear Window, Windshield Wipers, Seats, Seatbelts, Child Seat Latch Systems, Air Bag(s), and SRS Warning Light

5. Tires and Wheels, which includes:
   - Tires, Rims, TPMS Warning Light, and Temporary Spare Tire/Emergency Tire Repair System
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6. Steering and Suspension, which includes:
   • All steering and suspension components, and
     Steering and Suspension Warning Lights

7. Body Structure, which includes:
   • All Body Panels, Frame or Unibody integrity, and
     Fuel System

8. Road Test, which includes:
   • Horn, Dashboard Warning Lights, Stopping Test, and
     Vehicle Control
9. Safety Recalls, which consists of:

   • Carfax VIN check for any open safety recalls
TRANSITIONING TO SAFETY LICENSES

• BAR received a wide variety of diverging responses on how to best transition to the new safety licenses

• BAR is still considering all feedback and having internal discussions on how best to transition from the brake and lamp station/adjuster licenses to new vehicle safety station/technician licenses
QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

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