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DEALER ALERT

DRIVE CLEAN CHANGES

The UCDA continues to pass on the concerns and frustrations of members to Drive Clean officials. We met yesterday with the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) which has now announced a temporary fix to help dealers who are having problems with vehicle “readiness”.

As of today, if a vehicle fails for “readiness”, dealers will be asked to drive it another 30 kms, not disconnect the battery or clear codes and bring the vehicle back for a retest after 24 hours. As long as the vehicle shows no additional “not ready” monitors, a retest can then be performed.

If the vehicle fails a second time for not being “ready”, it can then undergo a two speed idle test or a diesel visual smoke pass. Most vehicles will pass, as they did under the old test. In other words, there is now a fix in place that will help ensure you can deliver a vehicle within a day or two in a worst case scenario.

The Ministry and the UCDA both realize that this is, at best, a temporary fix. However it will allow dealers to sell and deliver vehicles without having to drive them for days on end or for hundreds of kilometers.

The UCDA will continue to push for a full exemption from testing vehicles less than 7 years of age. We will keep you advised on our progress.

In the meantime, please contact us if you have any difficulties with this process, we have a direct contact with Drive Clean.