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Industry Advisory

2010 Regulatory Framework for Taxis and Limousines

Over the past year, the Passenger Transportation Board and the Passenger Transportation Branch of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure have consulted with representatives from the taxi and limousine industries, municipalities and VANOC regarding taxi and limousine supply and service during the 2010 Winter Games. In April, the Board posted a Draft framework document on its website and invited comment.

The final *Regulatory Framework for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games: Passenger Directed Vehicles* is now available on the Board's website. The Framework outlines three regulatory measures being introduced by the Board. These measures enable taxi and limousine operators to respond, on a temporary basis, to the anticipated increase in vehicle demands during the 2010 Winter Games. These measures include:

1. **2010 Temporary Operating Permits** enable taxi and limousine operators in the Lower Mainland and the Whistler/Squamish area to increase their fleet size for a 60-day period during the Games.
2. **2010 Temporary Service Clauses** enable taxi and limousine operators from outside the Lower Mainland and the Whistler/Squamish area to operate in these areas. Operators must be aligned with a local company and taxis must maintain at least 65% of their vehicles in their home base.
3. **2010 Temporary Boundary Relaxation for Taxis** enable taxi operators in the Lower Mainland to deploy up to 35% of their fleet to pick up passengers anywhere in the GVRD for a 60-day period. Taxi operators in the Whistler/Squamish area will be able to pick up passengers in the GVRD and take them back to Whistler/Squamish. GVRD companies will have a similar authority.

The Board is also introducing minimum and maximum limousine rates during the Games. Taxis must charge approved metered rates.

Further information and forms will be posted on the Board website in September 2009.

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