Dear Robin

CITY & GUILDS UNIT 15: HIGHWAYS AGENCY FLEET

Further to our discussions regarding the Highways Agency winter fleet and the clarification of City & Guilds Training and Assessment, I have drafted a guidance note that confirms the speed limit of vehicles travelling with plough fitted.

“There has been some disparity in relation to the restriction of speed when driving the Highways Agency fleet whilst travelling with a plough (in the raised position)

Although the City & Guilds Winter Service Operations – 6159 Unit 015 advises that vehicles should not exceed 40mph whilst travelling with a plough (in a raised position), the Supply of Winter Maintenance Vehicles : specifies that :

2.1.5 The vehicle’s maximum operating speed at its maximum Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) shall be:

(a) Travelling with or without plough blade mounted – 56mph 90kph)

In consultation with the City & Guilds Portfolio Consultant, the Highways Agency have reviewed the training and can confirm that the current MAN/ VOLVO SCHMIDT and MAN/VOLVO ROMAQUIP winter vehicles can operate up to a speed of 56mph with ploughs fitted.

Drivers must adhere to the speed/category of the road and the conditions prevailing for driving safely with a plough fitted and in consideration to other road users.

I hope the above note satisfies your requirements for updating the current City & Guilds training and assessment for Unit 15 – Highways Agency. I would appreciate confirmation of the changes as soon as they are updated.

Yours sincerely

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