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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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