

## **BC information on legislation/regulation/policy with respect to LSVs?**

Prior to June 2008, LSVs in British Columbia were accommodated under the “Slow Moving Vehicle” provisions of the provincial Motor Vehicle Act Regulations. Under these provisions, LSVs were required to operate similar to slow-moving farm vehicles and meet the following requirements:

- Operate in accordance to Division 7B of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations.
- Display “Slow Moving Warning Device”: a sign that meets C.S.A. Standard D 198-1967.
- Illuminate amber non-rotating flashing lamps as warning lights.
- Must drive the vehicle in the right hand lane, or as closely as practicable to the right hand curb.
- Slow moving vehicles are prohibited from operating on Schedule 1 Highways as prescribed under section 19.07 of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations.
- Slow moving vehicles are restricted from major bridges and tunnels as prescribed under Division 2 of the Highway Act Regulations.

In June 2008, a new regulation was included in the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations that explicitly recognizes and provides guidance for operators of Low Speed Vehicles, which the Regulations refer to as “Neighbourhood Zero Emission Vehicles” (NZEV). The features of the new NZEV regulation:

- NZEV may operate on any highway in British Columbia where the posted speed limit is 40 km/h or less.
- NZEV may also operate on highways with a speed limit over 40 km/h and not more than 50 km/h in unincorporated areas where authorized by road use permit issued by TRAN, and within municipalities where authorized by municipal bylaw.
- NZEV may cross a highway that has a speed limit up to 80 km/h at an intersection that enables travel to continue on a highway where the vehicles are authorized.
- NZEV continuously owned or leased since before the new regulation came into force (June 6, 2008) are grandfathered. These NZEV will continue to be operated as slow moving vehicles unless the owner/lessee makes application to the Director, CVSE, to be brought under the new regulation as an NZEV. All NZEV purchased or leased after June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 do not have the option to operate as slow moving vehicles and must operate under the new NZEV requirement.
- Operation of a NZEV where not authorized is an offence.