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Industry Notice #03-12

March 26, 2003

TLC BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS VOTES UNANIMOUSLY TO REPEAL TALKING TAXI DEVICE MANDATE

Taxi Owners/Agents Encouraged to Disable or Remove Devices Immediately

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission today (Wednesday, March 26, 2003) voted unanimously in public session to repeal Owners Rule 1-19(a), which mandates the Electrical Dual Message Taxi Reminder Voice (also known as the Celebrity Talking Taxi device), and taxicab specification 3-03(e) (6), which describes the required device.

Medallion taxicab owners have several options in order to comply with this action:

1. Those with sufficient mechanical experience may elect to clip the speaker wires themselves to disable the unit (those who utilized one of the vehicle's two radio speakers may then reconnect the speaker for radio use);
2. They may visit a licensed taximeter establishment (listed in this Notice) or New York State licensed motor vehicle repair facility to request the device's disabling or removal.

If the device is removed in its entirety rather than simply being disabled, all wires must be properly secured. While each of the above options are viable, the TLC encourages medallion taxicab owners and fleet agents to remove the devices in their entirety. To assist the industry, the following is a list of licensed taximeter repair shops:

Taxi Meter Shop	Address	Phone Number
SUSAN MAINTENANCE CORP	374 4 AVENUE BROOKLYN NY 11215	718-222-4040
ANN SERVICE CORP	161 WEST 21 STREET NY NY 10011	212-929-3676
CAB MANAGEMENT CORP.	27-34 JACKSON AVENUE LIC NY 11101	718-937-8668
DAV-ED OPERATING CORP	62-15 34 AVENUE WOODSIDE NY 11377	718-639-9099
UTICA TAXI CENTER	465 UTICA AVENUE BROOKLYN NY 11203	718-774-9767
J & I MAINTENANCE CORP.	341 BERGEN STREET BROOKLYN NY 11217	718-858-3502
55 STAN OPERATING CORP	45-16 VERNON BLVD LIC NY 11101	718-786-5811
GLENTIES LEASING CORP.	75 CANAL STREET WEST BRONX NY 10451	718-993-8100
LINDEN MAINTENANCE CORP	134-02 33 AVENUE FLUSHING NY 11354	718-762-5252
AMERICAN TAXIMETERS & COMMUNICATION	21-46 44 DRIVE LIC NY 11101	718-937-4600
OLDEE INSTRUMENTS & AUTO SERVICE	43-05 VERNON BLVD LIC NY 11101	718-482-6533
C & B TAXIMETER	521 WEST 48 STREET NEW YORK NY 11101	212-664-9679
DOWNTOWN TAXIMETER SHOP, INC.	62 EAST FIRST STREET NY NY 10003	212-982-7584
SAMIR TAXIMETERS CORP	631 BRUCKNER BLVD BRONX NY 10455	718-401-0605
ALON TAXIMETER	11-06 BROADWAY ASTORIA NY 10004	718-956-4446
KOLFIN SERVICE CORP	12-04 44 AVENUE LIC NY 11101	718-361-2176
METRO SHOP	36-15 13 STREET LIC NY 11106	718-786-8585
METRO SHOP	523-525 GREENWICH ST NY NY 10013	718-786-8585
MICHAEL TAXIMETER REPAIR CORP	508 WEST 27 STREET NY NY 10001	212-714-1595
RONART LEASING CORP	25-11B 41 AVENUE LIC NY 11101	718-392-3013
MILLENNIUM TAXIMETER CORP	48-02 VAN DAM STREET LIC NY 11101	718-729-3442
521 WEST 21 STREET CORP	521 WEST 21 STREET NY NY 10011	212-675-1717
ABC TAXIMETER	10-02 46 AVENUE LIC NY 11101	718-361-9265
TEAM SYSTEMS CORP	30-17 40 AVENUE LIC NY 11101	718-786-0640
RUSS AUTOMOTIVE INSTRUMENTS INC	545 WEST 37 STREET NEW YORK NY 10018	212-757-3412
A1 METER & SECURITY, INC.	393 MCGUINNESS BLVD BROOKLYN NY 11222	718-389-2753

While the repeal of Owners Rule 1-19(a) will not take effect until 30 days after publication of this rule change in the City Record, the TLC strongly encourages medallion taxicab owners and fleet agents to disable or disconnect the devices as soon as possible. If a medallion taxicab were to have the device in operation following the effective date of the rule change (on or about May 1, 2003) that owner/agent may be subject to appropriate enforcement action.