

INFORMATION BULLETIN



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DIRECTING VEHICLES TO COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT FACILITIES

The purpose of this Information Bulletin (IB) is to provide information related to directing a driver of a commercial motor vehicle to a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility (CVEF), pursuant to Section 2802(a) of the California Vehicle Code (CVC), for the purpose of conducting a Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) North American Standard (NAS) inspection.

Section 2802(a) CVC allows for any traffic officer having reason to believe that a vehicle is not safely loaded, or that the height, width, length, or weight of a vehicle and load is unlawful, to require the driver to stop and submit to an inspection, measurement, or weighing of the vehicle. The vehicle may be weighed using portable or stationary scales as part of the inspection. In the event stationary scales are utilized, the vehicle may be directed to the nearest scale, but only if the scale is within five road miles. Once a vehicle is stopped for a suspected loading, size, and/or weight violation(s), an officer should take appropriate enforcement action for all violations observed during their inspection.

The authorities granted by Section 2802(a) CVC are only applicable to suspected loading, size, and weight violations. Officers are not authorized to direct a vehicle to a CVEF for the purpose of conducting a CVSA NAS inspection for any other purpose other than those authorized by Section 2802(a) CVC.

Questions regarding this IB should be directed to the Commercial Vehicle Section, at (916) 843-3400.

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