

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## CONDITION W

Some holders of a **Class 1, 2, 3 or 4B driver's licence** are not allowed, for medical reasons, to drive a heavy vehicle in the United States. In these cases, **condition W** is recorded in their medical file.

Starting **January 30, 2014**, American road traffic regulations will require **condition W** to appear on the drivers' licences of affected drivers. That way, peace officers will no longer have to ask for a medical certificate when performing compliance checks with heavy vehicle drivers.

## REPLACING DRIVERS' LICENCES



Starting in **September 2013**, the SAAQ will gradually replace, **free of charge**, the 210,000 licences affected by this measure. The majority of affected drivers will receive their driver's licence, on which condition W appears, by mail.

## DRIVERS COVERED

This measure is aimed at all **Class 1, 2, 3 or 4b** driver's licence holders who relinquished their privilege of driving certain heavy vehicles in the United States, who did not submit to the medical examination as agreed by the United States and Canada, or who do not meet American medical standards.

Drivers are not allowed to drive the vehicles concerned when:

- They suffer from insulin-treated diabetes;
- They suffer from epilepsy;
- They suffer from a moderate or total hearing loss as defined according to Canadian standards;
- They hold a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4b driver's licence under the discretionary power provided by the *Highway Safety Code*.

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