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Subject: Taxis, snow tires, and the Motor Vehicle Act.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As winter approaches and Halcon can't seem to get the dispatching of taxis right for those deadheading in the Fraser Canyon, here is something to consider when called to deadhead. The laws pertaining to winter tires and the placement of regulatory signage are noted in the Motor Vehicle Act section 208. This section may be applied to all vehicles.

Stay Safe, and report any issues to the employer, and your H&S Committee via an SCR! Be reminded you also have the right to refuse as spelt out in the Labour Code Part II.

In Solidarity,

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208 (1) For the purpose of this section, "winter tire" means a tire that is

(a) advertised or represented by its manufacturer or a person in the business of selling tires **to be a tire intended principally for winter use**, and that provides, or is designed to provide, adequate traction in snow or mud; and

(b) in the condition respecting tread wear and other particulars the regulations prescribe.

(2) The Minister of Transportation and Highways may, by public notice or by placing signs, prohibit vehicles from being driven or operated on a highway that are not equipped with chains, winter tires or sanding devices, or a combination of these the minister considers adequate and necessary in view of prevailing road conditions.

(3) For the purposes of a prosecution under this section, the onus is on the defendant to prove that a tire alleged not to be a winter tire is in fact a winter tire. (emphasis added)