



Supplementary Notice 2: under bonnet fires in TX4s

PCO Notice 31/08 suspended the licences of all '56' registered TX4 taxis subject to the requirements set out in that notice (inspection and certification by LTI).

Following the first week of the inspections and investigations, the PCO met to discuss the current position with the manufacturer LTI and TfL's external technical advisors.

LTI has been unable to confirm that these taxis are safe to use and fit for purpose as licensed London taxis, even after inspection at Mann and Overton.

While the inspections are providing useful information, the cause of the fires has not been identified so no appropriate and direct remedial action can be taken. The Licensing Authority cannot be satisfied that these vehicles would meet its Conditions of Fitness for taxis.

For the safety of passengers, drivers and other road users, the licences for all '56' registered TX4 taxis are suspended under the London Cab Order 1934, and related legislation, with immediate effect.

Owners and drivers of these taxis (TX4s with vehicle registrations in '56' range) must not use these vehicles in passenger service until further notice. LTI is doing everything possible to identify the cause of the problem. Drivers will be informed as soon as the PCO is satisfied that the vehicles can return to service.

LTI will continue with inspections at Mann and Overton. Owners should continue to attend as arranged.

An enquiry line has been set up on 020 7126 1980, at 9am-4pm on Saturday 20th /Sunday 21st September and through the week.

This isn't a step we have taken lightly and we know it will be a blow for taxi drivers. Although nobody has been hurt to date, we just can't take any chances with the lives of taxi drivers, passengers and other road users.

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Mary Dowdye
Head of Standards & Regulation

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Thompson".

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