



**Emission Strategy for London Taxis:  
Start date for Metrocabs**

The taxi emission strategy requires that all taxis meet Euro 3 emission standards for NO<sub>x</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> by July 2008. PCO Notice 07/06 set out the timetable for Metrocab taxis, stating that any Metrocab taxi that is of a Pre-Euro, Euro 1 or Euro 2 standard will, when presented for its annual licensing inspection from the 1 July 2007 onwards, be required to have fitted either approved emission reduction equipment or an approved conversion to run on an alternative fuel.

PCO Notice 14/07 issued 2 May 2007, then announced amended arrangements in recognition that emission reduction solutions for Metrocabs were in development but were unlikely to receive full approval prior to the 1 July 2007. These arrangements did not require in-scope Metrocabs to be fitted with emission reduction equipment when presented for licensing during July, August and September 2007. They would however have to have an approved emission reduction system fitted prior to their mid-term safety inspections six months later.

**In recognition that the PCO has only recently approved an emission reduction system for Metrocabs, PCO Notice 32/07 refers, the following further arrangements will now apply for affected Metrocabs that have plates that expire in October 2007:**

For any in-scope vehicle (that is, any Metrocab except TTT model), proprietors will book a vehicle licensing appointment in October 2007 when notified by SGS that their annual inspection is due. They will not at that inspection be expected to have an approved emission reduction system fitted, although they may do so now that there is an emission reduction system approved. They will however be required to have an emission reduction system fitted to that vehicle prior to its 'mid-year' safety inspection six months later.

At the mid-year inspection the emission equipment conversion will be examined and the installer's 'Fitment Sign-Off' sheet and endorsed 'Type Approval' documents must be produced for inspection.

Any in-scope vehicle presented for its annual licensing inspection from 1 November 2007 must be fitted with an approved emission reduction system and appropriate documentation must be produced.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Stock", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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