

CVSA, CITA Sign MOU to Advance Commercial Vehicle Highway Safety Worldwide
Groups Pledge to Exchange Information, Experience and Best Practices to Further Mission

WASHINGTON, DC (April 26, 2010) – The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) announced it signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the International Motor Vehicle Inspection Committee (CITA) to exchange information and experience on vehicle safety inspections with its respective members.

"CVSA and CITA both share a mission to advance the cause of vehicle and highway safety," said Stephen A. Keppler, CVSA's Interim Executive Director. "This MOU affirms our commitment to work together in sharing our research, knowledge and experience to improve commercial motor vehicle inspections and further road safety worldwide."

Thomas L. Springer, CITA's Executive Director, noted that "commercial vehicles are vital to commerce across the globe and ensuring they operate safely on roadways is critical. By strengthening the working relationship with CVSA, we will be better positioned to ensure road safety and improve compliance with environmental emission standards."

The MOU defines the structural framework for the two groups to share information related to the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of in-service inspections of in-service commercial motor vehicles and ongoing enforcement inspections. In addition, the agreement encourages the development of best practice recommendations; international standards; coordinating research, studies and investigations; improving and harmonizing inspection methods, standards and equipment, quality control, quality assurance and accreditation; and training for inspectors and information systems used to improve inspection consistency and effectiveness.

CVSA is an international not-for-profit organization comprised of local, state, provincial, territorial, and federal motor carrier safety officials and industry representatives from the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Our mission is to promote commercial motor vehicle safety and security by providing leadership to enforcement, industry and policy makers. The Alliance actively monitors, evaluates, and identifies solutions to potentially unsafe transportation processes and procedures related to driver and vehicle safety requirements most often associated with commercial motor vehicle crashes. In addition, CVSA has several hundred associate members who are committed to helping the Alliance achieve its goals; uniformity, compatibility and reciprocity of commercial vehicle inspections, and enforcement activities throughout North America by individuals dedicated to highway safety and security. For more on CVSA, visit www.cvsa.org.

CITA is an international not-for-profit association, based in Brussels, Belgium. It represents all types of organizations and stakeholders (government, private sector, dedicated inspection centres, garage-based test centers and test equipment manufacturers) who share a common interest in exchanging information, developing best practices and draft international standards in the field of road vehicle inspection. Its work focuses on improving transport sustainability with particular emphasis on road safety and environmental protection. CITA is recognised by the Commission of the European Union and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (particularly 'The World Forum for the Harmonisation of Vehicle Regulations – WP 29') for its expertise in relation to roadworthiness inspections. CITA currently has about 110 members worldwide, representing over 50 countries and covering more than 250 million vehicle inspections a year. For more information about CITA, visit www.cita-vehicleinspection.org