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Nebraska Tractor Test Laboratory

PROCEDURES WHEN TESTS ARE RESCHEDULED OR CANCELED

Rationale:

The University of Nebraska now allows a tractor manufacturer to deposit a partial fee to reserve a test schedule. If the company is unable to test at the time of the reservation, the fee is forfeited unless the Tractor Test Laboratory is able to find an alternate tractor for that schedule. This policy creates very difficult problems when tractors are under a temporary sales permit and extenuating circumstances occur to justify delaying the test and no alternate tractor is found. Two possibilities exist:

1. If the reservation fee is forfeited when a tractor is under a temporary sales permit, the Department of Agriculture has no choice but to invoke Section 2-2701(2) of the Nebraska Tractor Engine Testing Law.
2. If circumstances acceptable to the Tractor Test Board warrant, the test may be rescheduled and the test fee deposited will remain on deposit for the rescheduled test even if the first scheduled time remains open.

Thus, if a tractor under temporary sales permit fails to arrive for test, and rescheduling is permitted and no replacement is found; the Nebraska Tractor Test Laboratory is shorted the revenue needed to cover fixed costs. Further, inequities will exist between companies. Those with tractors under Temporary sales permits will not lose the fee deposited if a test is rescheduled while a company without a temporary sales permit will lose the fee deposited.

Procedures:

Procedures and conditions for Board recommendations to the Department of Agriculture when the test of a tractor is rescheduled or canceled are as follows:

1. Nebraska Temporary Sales Permit Issued.

The tractor model to be tested is covered by a temporary sales permit; thus, it must be tested and the test approved prior to the expiration date of the temporary sales permit.

- a. Rescheduling. A test may be rescheduled beyond the expiration date if:
 - 1). extenuating circumstances warranting an extension of the Temporary Sales Permit are presented to the Board and are acceptable to the Board and the Department of Agriculture. Examples of extenuating circumstances are damage to a tractor in shipping, unavailability of parts which delays or postpones manufacturing or no Nebraska sales have occurred, and
 - 2). the Company remits the rescheduling cost as prescribed by the Schedule of Fees and agrees to a specific date for the rescheduled test prior to the expiration date of the original temporary sales permit, and
 - 3). additional materials such as revised specifications which relate to the rescheduled test as required by the Board are received and added to the test application file prior to the expiration of the original temporary sales permit.

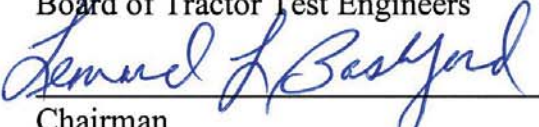
Upon meeting all of the above conditions, the Board will recommend to the Department of Agriculture an extension of the temporary sales permit and the reservation fee (partial payment of the test fee) will remain on deposit for the rescheduled test.

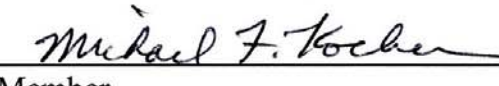
- b. Cancellation. When a test schedule is canceled and the tractor model is under a temporary sales permit, the reservation fee will be forfeited and the Board will recommend to the Department of Agriculture that provisions of the Nebraska Tractor Engine Testing Law regarding the future issuance of temporary sales permits to the Company be invoked.


2. No Nebraska Temporary Sales Permit Issued.

No recommendation is necessary because no permit exists and no deliveries or sales have been made in Nebraska. The test schedule is simply a contract between the Company and The University of Nebraska. Provisions of the Schedule of Fees apply.

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