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Emergency Industry Notice #11

Wednesday, October 31, 2001

TLC TEMPORARILY DEFERS ENFORCEMENT OF FOR-HIRE VEHICLE RULES REQUIRING ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) announces that, due to the industry-wide effects of the September 11, 2001 tragedy, enforcement of the Rule requiring that For-Hire Vehicle (FHV) bases provide accessible transportation to persons with disabilities has been temporarily suspended. Amendments to TLC Rule 6-07(f), which will require each FHV base licensed by the TLC to provide accessible transportation for persons with disabilities, either directly or by contract with another base, was approved by the Commission on November 16, 2000. The Rule was scheduled to become effective on October 31, 2001.

The TLC's decision to temporarily suspend enforcement of this Rule provision in no way reflects a retreat on the part of the Commission with respect to its continuing commitment to the provision of enhanced service to persons with disabilities. The TLC will survey licensed base owners in the near future to ascertain the efforts made by these businesses to comply with this Rule. Upon the conclusion of this survey the TLC will announce a date on which it will commence enforcement of this Rule.