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Industry Notice #03-17

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#### **TALKING TAXI DEVICE MUST BE DISABLED OR REMOVED AS OF THURSDAY, MAY 8**

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) today reminds all medallion taxicab owners that all Electrical Dual Message Taxi Reminder Voice devices (also known as the Celebrity Talking Taxi device) must be either disabled or removed as of Thursday, May 8, 2003. This is pursuant to the TLC's repeal of Owners Rule 1-19(a) by Commission action on March 26, 2003.

As detailed in an earlier Industry Notice, medallion taxicab owners may exercise the following options: 1) Those with sufficient mechanical experience may elect to clip the speaker wires themselves to disable the unit (those who utilized one of the vehicle's two radio speakers may then reconnect the speaker for radio use); or 2) They may visit a licensed taximeter establishment or New York State licensed motor vehicle repair facility to request the device's disabling or removal.

If the device is removed in its entirety rather than simply being disabled, all wires must be properly secured. While each of the above options are viable, the TLC encourages medallion taxicab owners and fleet agents to remove the devices in their entirety.

Medallion taxicab owners/agents found to have a device in operation after Thursday, May 8, 2003 would be subject to appropriate enforcement action.