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Canadian Automotive Service Information Standard (CASIS) Implemented on Schedule



BURNABY, B.C., MAY 3, 2010 - Following the signing of the CASIS agreement between the Association of International Automobile Manufacturers of Canada (AIAMC), the Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association (CVMA) and the National Automotive Trade Association (NATA) in September 2009, Canadian automotive manufacturers have been working aggressively towards the stated goal of implementing the CASIS on May 1, 2010. NATA is pleased to announce that this stated goal has been met.



Unanimous support of parliamentarians for the CASIS in place of legislation, Bill C-273 ("Right to Repair"), in November 2009, paved the way forward to a quicker, more flexible approach to meeting the requirements of the entire aftermarket service and repair industry across Canada. The CASIS is designed to provide independent automotive service and repair providers access to emissions and non-emissions-related service information, diagnostic tools, and training information in a similar fashion to that offered in the United States and similar to that of manufacturers' authorized dealers. Prior to the signing of the CASIS, roughly 50% of Canada's automotive manufacturers and distributors (by market share) provided the automotive aftermarket with this service and repair information. Since the signing of the CASIS, several additional auto manufacturers began providing this information ahead of the May 1 deadline.



All Canadian automotive manufacturers and distributors worked very hard to meet this aggressive deadline and we anticipate a minimum of start-up issues. We are confident that if any issues are identified, they will be quickly addressed under CASIS and by the respective manufacturer.



NATA wishes to congratulate its partners, the AIAMC and CVMA and their respective member companies on achieving full CASIS implementation.



For more information about the CASIS, and for links to each auto manufacturer's technical information website, visit www.natacanada.ca.



About NATA

The National Automotive Trades Association (NATA) is an "Association of associations," formed in 1947 to provide a unified voice for the Canadian automotive industry.

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The NATA affiliate associations are:

- Automotive Retailers Association of British Columbia (ARA)
- Automotive Service and Repair Association of Alberta (ASRA)
- Saskatchewan Association of Automotive Repairers (SAAR)
- Automotive Trades Association of Manitoba (ATA)
- Hamilton district Autobody Repair Association (HARA)

- Automotive Aftermarket Retailers of Ontario (AARO)
- Collision Repair Association of Nova Scotia (CRANS)
- Automotive Recyclers of Canada (ARC)

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