

Use of Stage Rally Vehicles on Public Roads – BC and ALBERTA

Stage Rally Vehicle Road Exemptions

The following guidelines outline the rules for the use of CARS log booked stage rally vehicles on public roads in the Provinces of British Columbia and Alberta. This information is valid as of 01 April 2019.

British Columbia

In British Columbia, rally vehicles that hold a valid CARS logbook can be issued Temporary Operating Permits (TOP's) for CARS sanctioned events within B.C. The TOP is issued by the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (I.C.B.C.) and provides the vehicle with third party liability insurance and permission to operate on the public roadways at the CARS sanctioned event, for the duration of the event only.

The process of obtaining a TOP is available to any stage rally car within B.C. that complies to CARS vehicle preparation standards and holds a CARS log book. Owners should assume that applying for a TOP under this system will result in the vehicle becoming "red flagged" in the ICBC system thereby making their vehicle un-registerable for non-rally street use.

To summarize the British Columbia arrangement:

- CARS log booked stage rally cars can obtain TOP's for CARS events by application through the RPM Region Director.
- TOP's include third party liability insurance.
- Obtaining a TOP will result in the vehicle being "red flagged" in the ICBC registration and insurance system. This results in the vehicle becoming non registerable for non-rally street use in the future.

Alberta

In Alberta, a process has been developed whereby two exemptions are available to owners. The exemptions are a vehicle EQUIPMENT exemption and a REGISTRATION exemption.

EQUIPMENT EXEMPTION

Alberta Transportation has issued the vehicle EQUIPMENT exemption. The vehicle EQUIPMENT exemption is a general, Province wide exemption that applies to all CARS log booked stage rally vehicles that are being operated in a CARS sanctioned event within Alberta and allows the rally cars to operate at the event without being compliant to the Provincial Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations, as long as it complies with the CARS vehicle preparation standards. Individual owners do not need to make application for this exemption, but they must be able to produce a copy of the exemption on demand from a Peace Officer (available from the Alberta Transportation and RallyWest websites).

In order for the equipment exemption to apply, the following requirements must be met:

- The Vehicle must be prepared to the vehicle preparation standards as per the CARS regulations.
- The vehicle is operated on the roads and at the times indicated in the CARS event Traffic Management Plan (TMP). A copy of which will be available from the event organizers to be carried in the vehicle.
- The vehicle carries the CARS log book during the event.
- The vehicle carries a copy of the EQUIPMENT exemption during the event.

REGISTRATION EXEMPTION

The Vehicle REGISTRATION exemption allows individual vehicles to operate under the TMP at CARS sanctioned events within Alberta, without the need to be registered provincially.

Third Party liability insurance will still need to be obtained by the operator and carried in the vehicle.

The procedure for obtaining this exemption consists of downloading an application form from the Alberta Transportation or RallyWest websites. The application requires the owner to declare compliance with CARS regulations and this compliance will be verified between CARS and Alberta Transportation. Upon approval, Alberta Transportation will issue an exemption letter to the applicant, that will allow the vehicle to be operated at CARS sanctioned events without provincial registration (i.e. no license plate required).

This exemption is valid for a period of five years and is renewable. The cost is \$55.00

The REGISTRATION exemption needs to be carried in the vehicle and produced on demand.

The CARS log book (or a copy) needs to be carried in the vehicle during the event.

To summarize the Alberta arrangement:

- CARS log booked stage rally cars are to carry a copy of the EQUIPMENT exemption in the vehicle.
- CARS log booked stage rally cars are to carry a copy of the event TMP in the vehicle.
- CARS log booked stage rally cars can obtain REGISTRATION exemptions for CARS events by application to Alberta Transportation.
- CARS log booked stage rally cars are to carry a copy of the REGISTRATION exemption in the vehicle.
- Third party liability insurance is still required and is the responsibility of the vehicle owner.

For further information, please contact your Region Director, or
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