Puerto Rico Department of Transportation And Public Works Secretary I Hon. Edwin Edgardo González Montalvo



PUBLIC NOTICE

FIRST AMENDMENT TO REGULATION NO. 9526, "REGULATION FOR OFFICIAL INSPECTION STATIONS, MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS, AND OTHER RELATED PURPOSES," OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS.

The Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW), in accordance with Section 2.1 of Law No. 38 of July 30, 2017, as amended, known as the "Uniform Administrative Procedure Act of the Government of Puerto Rico", publish this Notice for the enactment of the afore mentioned Regulation.

The purpose of the amendments to the mentioned regulation is to align it with the provisions of Law 174-2024, which amended subsection (a) of Article 12.02 of Law 22-2000, known as the "Puerto Rico Vehicle and Traffic Law." This change modifies how often periodic mechanical inspections must be conducted for motor vehicles on public roads in Puerto Rico, based on their manufacturing date.

These amendments to Regulation No. 9526 apply to all individuals and entities that own motor vehicles, as well as to dealers of motor vehicles or trailers who, under Law 22-2000, are required to have their vehicles undergo regular or special inspections. The amendments also affect Official Inspection Stations (OISs), service providers to OISs, and certified technicians authorized by the Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTOW) involved in inspecting, evaluating, and diagnosing the mechanical or electrical systems, emissions, components, and parts of any motor vehicle subject to inspection, as well as in the administrative functions at the OISs.

The proposed Regulation will be available during working days and hours at DTPW Minillas Governmental Center, South Tower, 17 Floor, Ave. De Diego Santurce, Puerto Rico. All printed copy of the Regulation will be available upon payment of the corresponding fees in each agency. It will also be available, free of charge, at DTPW's website: <u>www.dtop.pr.gov.</u>

Anyone interested in sending written comments may do so, or request in writing a public hearing explaining the reasons why it is necessary to hold such hearing, within thirty (30) days of the publication of this Notice, by digital means to <u>comentariosreglamentos@dtop.pr.gov</u>, or by mail to the following address:

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