



# TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

# NOTICE



## CERTIFIED INSPECTION STATIONS AND INSPECTORS

As part of the annual safety inspection, effective April 1, 2001, a visual inspection of the Reflective Sheeting, Reflex Reflector Tape, Conspicuity Requirements must be conducted on all trailers or semi-trailers regulated by Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, over 80 inches wide and 10,001 pounds GVWR, except pole trailers and mobile office/housing trailers. (See Note 1)

### PROCEDURE:

- ✓ Inspect for proper placement, coverage, and color.
- ✓ Color combinations of red and white shall be used beginning with red or white and alternate color combination as long as uniform along the sides and lower rear of the trailer. (See Note 2)
- ✓ The centerline for each reflective strip shall be between 15 inches and 60 inches above the road surface, or as close as practicable, with the trailer empty.
- ✓ Must be an approved type. The manufacturer certification will consist of one of the following markings:  
DOT-C            DOT-C2 (2 in/50mm)            DOT-C3 (3 in/75mm)            DOT-C4 (4 in/100mm)

- NOTES:
1. If GVWR plate is not present then actual or registered weight of 10,001 pounds or more will apply.
  2. Reflective strips in color combinations other than red and white may be used on the sides and lower rear until June 1, 2009.
  3. Reflector strips can be used in lieu of the "normal" reflex reflectors when they are mounted on the rear and over the full width of the trailer, or on the side over at least one-half of the length of the trailer, distributed evenly from the front to the rear of the trailer.