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Vehicles Up To 6 Years Old Will No Longer Need Annual Inspection, BMV Says As It Unveils New Procedures

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The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) announced Tuesday that effective May 1, motor vehicles in the U.S. Virgin Islands that are up to six years old will not have to undergo annual re-inspection. Vehicles that meet that criteria, however, must register annually with BMV.

According to the release, vehicles in the U.S. Virgin Islands that are seven to eleven years old must be re-inspected every two years, which means that these vehicles will be inspected when they are seven years old, nine years old and eleven years old. Vehicles

that meet these criteria must also register annually with BMV.

Vehicles that are twelve years old and above must be inspected and registered annually, the release said.

"Changing the vehicle inspection criteria is a step in the right direction," BMV Director Nominee Barbara Jackson-McIntosh said Tuesday.

"After careful analysis of the BMV database, it has shown that there is a significant number of vehicles that are up to six years old and are required to have full coverage insurance. This indicates that if there is a malfunction or bodily damage to the vehicle, it is almost guaranteed that the owner will be able to fix the vehicle with the benefit of the insurance proceeds," Mrs. Jackson-McIntosh added.

She also reminded the public that it is their responsibility to ensure that their vehicles are roadworthy at all times. The Virgin Islands Police Department will issue fines for violations of the territory's driving and registration laws and regulations under the Virgin Islands Code.

"Our goal is to reduce the wait time at the Bureau offices, as we strive to serve you better diligently. If you have questions or need further clarification, you can call our offices and speak to any Bureau of Motor Vehicle employee or email us for more information," she said.