

Government Simplifies Technical Inspection Procedure for Vehicles

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Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev signed a decree Monday simplifying the technical inspection certification procedure for road vehicles.

According to a statement posted on the government's website, the document replaces mandatory maintenance checkup certificates — so-called *taloni* — with diagnostic cards issued by "car dealers certified to conduct maintenance checkups of vehicles they service" containing each vehicle's maintenance history.

It also modifies the format of diagnostic cards to make them better suited for international use, the statement said.

Moreover, the decree affecting all road vehicles, including electric public transportation, transfers the authority over the issuing, storage and use of technical inspection documentation from the Finance Ministry to the Transportation Ministry from Jan. 1, 2013,

according to the statement.

Presenting the bill at a government meeting on Nov. 23, Medvedev said drivers would not have to carry diagnostic cards with them as was the case with inspection certificates.

They will need them only for buying the OSAGO mandatory liability insurance for their cars, which would prove that a car has passed a technical inspection, Interfax reported.

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