

## Double Decker Bus Oversight:

- NYS Transportation Law Sec 151(5) – Exempts from NYSDOT operating authority sightseeing services operating wholly within a municipality of 1 million persons or more whereby the service is under the regulatory control of the local jurisdiction.
  - NYC Dept of Consumer Affairs licenses sightseeing services.
- NYS Transportation Law Sec 140(2)(vi) – Double Decker buses that carry 8 or more passengers in sightseeing service is subject to NYSDOT oversight with respect to safety of operations.
  - Double Decker buses subject to NYSDOT Semi-Annual inspection program.
  - What does NYSDOT check on a Double Decker bus?
    - Exterior of the bus – Exterior lights, all wheels/tires, mirrors, body panels, storage compartments, hood, steering.
    - Interior of the bus – Identification (FMVSS tags), driver controls, entrance door, mirrors, windshield wipers/washers, sun visor, lights, heater, defroster, air conditioning, ventilation, gauges, brake warning alarms, safety equipment, floors/aisles, seats, securement devices, emergency doors, exits and roof hatches, windows interior panels, cleanliness.
    - Underneath the bus – Exhaust system, front axle suspension, hydraulic brakes, air brakes, transmission, emergency parking brake, driveshaft, rear axle suspension, chassis/frame/bumper, fuel tank, heat shields, engine, electrical system, starter, battery, fuel supply system, air compressor, brake stoppage test
  - All these items are checked on regular buses as well. The main difference with a double decker bus inspection is that we measure the height and the length of the buses to ensure they are not operating over dimension. Legal limits are 13.6 feet high and 45 feet long.
- Double Decker bus companies are also subject to NYSDOT compliance audits where we check the following:
  - Driver qualification files, hours of service records, drug/alcohol testing, maintenance files.