

Press Release

First DEKRA inspection station opened in Santiago metropolitan region

Global Number One Brings Almost a Century of Vehicle Inspection Experience to Chile

- Four more stations in the region to be opened later in the year
- Further stations in other regions are being built
- Annual safety and emission inspections are mandatory in Chile

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The global number one in vehicle inspections, international expert organization DEKRA, has opened its first periodical technical inspection (PTI) station in Chile. Four more stations in the metropolitan region of the capital Santiago and another five in other regions are to follow later this year.

The newly opened station serves the community of La Reina in the eastern part of the metropolitan region. 16 DEKRA employees inspect light vehicles there for technical safety as well as emissions, according to procedures regulated by the Ministry of Transport.

“For almost a century, from the start in Germany in 1925 to our global presence today, vehicle inspection as a means to improve road safety has been at the core of DEKRA’s mission”, explains Stan Zurkiewicz, Member of the Board at DEKRA SE. “Taking road safety as seriously as we do, Chile requires high vehicle inspection standards that are comparable to those in many European countries. We are pleased to be able to make our decades of expertise in terms of road safety beneficial for road users in Chile as well.”

In addition to five stations in the Santiago metropolitan area, DEKRA is building another five stations in the regions of Ñuble and Biobío, planning to open all of them before the end of the year. “Our goal is to obtain a leading position in Chile in the coming years – in the interest of further advancing road safety in the country”, says Bert Zoetbrood, Executive Vice President of the DEKRA Group and Head of DEKRA Americas region. Together, the three Chilean regions Metropolitana, Ñuble and Biobío account for 2.8 million vehicles, about half of the total number in Chile. In the ten inspection stations, 180 new jobs are being created. DEKRA is projecting around 27,000 vehicle inspections per month once the ten stations are in operation.

“With 27 million per year worldwide, DEKRA inspects more vehicles than any other organization”, says Christoph Nolte, Head of the DEKRA Service Division Vehicle Inspection. “Today, we are active in the field in 22 countries across the globe, from

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Sweden to South Africa, from the U.S. to China.” The latest addition to the list was Mexico, where the first DEKRA emission check station opened in late January 2021.

Caption

International expert organization DEKRA has opened its first vehicle inspection station in Chile. The station in La Reina in the metropolitan region of the capital Santiago will be followed by four more stations by the end of this year as well as further stations in other regions of the country.

About DEKRA

DEKRA has been active in the field of safety for more than 90 years. Founded in 1925 in Berlin as Deutscher Kraftfahrzeug-Überwachungs-Verein e.V., it is today one of the world's leading expert organizations. DEKRA SE is a subsidiary of DEKRA e.V. and manages the Group's operating business. In 2020, DEKRA generated preliminary sales totaling 3.2 billion euros. The company currently employs more than 43,000 people in approximately 60 countries on all six continents. With qualified and independent expert services, they work for safety on the road, at work and at home. These services range from vehicle inspection and expert appraisals to claims services, industrial and building inspections, safety consultancy, testing and certification of products and systems, as well as training courses and temp work. The vision for the company's 100th birthday in 2025 is that DEKRA will be the global partner for a safe world.