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ROAD VEHICLE STANDARDS

GUIDANCE NOTE

Supporting information requirements for ADR 79/05 – Emission Control for Light Vehicles

This guidance note explains what documentation a manufacturer must keep on the vehicle's Auxiliary Emission Strategies (AES) and Base Emission Strategies (BES) to comply with Australian Design Rule (ADR) 79/05.

[ADR 79/05](#) was adopted by the Australian Government in April 2024 to mandate Euro 6d equivalent noxious emission requirements for MA, MB, MC, MD and NA category vehicle type approvals granted on or after 1 December 2025 and all MA, MB, MC, MD and NA category vehicles entered on the Register of Approved Vehicles from 1 July 2028.

ADR 79/05 is based on UN Regulation 83/08 but specifies exemptions and alternative procedures that may be used instead of the procedures specified in the UN Regulation. Certain exemptions and alternative procedures relate to documentation that must be kept by the manufacturer on the AES and BES fitted to the vehicle.

ADR 79/05 also accepts vehicles that comply with the Euro 6d or Euro 6e technical requirements adopted in EU Regulation 2017/1151. On 24 February 2023, the European Commission published a notice ([2023/C 68/01](#)), outlining recommended practices for identifying illegal defeat devices, with particular focus on vehicles type-approved under Euro 6d and 6d-temp. The notice included examples of AES for new vehicle type approvals complying with Euro 6e, which may be deemed as non-acceptable. However, these AES may be acceptable when the need for the device is justified in terms of protecting the engine against damage and for safe operation of the vehicle, or if its operating conditions are substantially included in the type-approval tests.

What documentation must be kept if demonstrating Euro 6d compliance?

If a manufacturer uses testing consistent with the Euro 6d requirements to demonstrate compliance with ADR 79/05, they must keep a copy of the vehicle's AES and BES documentation package.

If the vehicle has an AES that has been deemed non-acceptable in Commission Notice 2023/C 68/01, the manufacturer must also keep a copy of any written advice that the AES was deemed acceptable by an EU or UK Type Approval Authority before the publication of this notice. An EU or UK type approval certificate may be deemed sufficient if the manufacturer can demonstrate its relevance to the AES and BES documentation package as applicable to the Australian vehicle type. Alternatively, it must be shown that the vehicle type sold in Australia would have been eligible for an extension of approval under the Euro 6d requirements in force when EU Regulation 2023/443 was adopted.

Vehicle type approval holders must keep a copy of all supporting information for at least 7 years after the approval expires and provide it to the department on request.

More information

For further information on ADR 79/05, please visit the [department's website](#) or submit an [online enquiry](#).