



Guidance note

Adding a vehicle imported under the MVSA to the Register of Approved Vehicles

This Guidance note **only** applies to the following vehicles imported by an identification plate approval (IPA) holder under a blanket approval granted under section 17 the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* (MVSA):

- standard road vehicles (subsection 10A(1) of the MVSA), or
- minor or inconsequential non-standard road vehicles (subsection 10A(2) of the MVSA).

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications (the department) notes that blanket approvals contain the following condition:

‘The importer will do all things reasonable and necessary to ensure that, when the vehicle is supplied to the market, it ... still has an identification plate.’

Once an entity converts their Identification Plate Approval (IPA) to a vehicle type approval by opting-in to the *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018* (RVSA), the entity’s IPA approval ceases and they can no longer affix identification plates to vehicles.

This affects vehicles that have been imported under a blanket approval, but not plated by the date the entity opts-in to the RVSA.

For the purposes of regulatory oversight of blanket approval conditions, and where the following conditions exist, the department will consider entering a vehicle onto the Register of Approved Vehicles (the RAV) to be the equivalent of ensuring a vehicle ‘still has an identification plate’ upon supply.

Prerequisite conditions

- The approval holder imported a vehicle under a blanket approval granted under section 17A(2) of the MVSA that allowed them to take delivery of IPA approved vehicles.
- The approval holder has applied to ‘opt-in’ and transition to a road vehicle type approval under the Road Vehicle Standards framework and paid the \$20 application fee before 1 January 2022, using the department’s online application system – ROVER.
- When the vehicle is entered on the RAV, the vehicle complies with the applicable national road vehicle standards in force at that time.

More information

For further information on the RAV entry approval framework, contact the department:

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