



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities



Road Vehicle Standards



Road Vehicle Standards Rules 2019

Overview of changes since Exposure Draft 2017

Road Vehicle Recalls Working Group

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The Minister made the Road Vehicle Standards Rules 2019 (the Rules), under the *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018* (RVSA), on 13 February 2019.

Why we've made changes

- To promote **consistency** across the Rules
- To **clarify** our policy intention
- To take account of **stakeholder feedback**, in particular the varied needs across industry
- To achieve our objectives for the Rules to provide:
 - Clear legislation for **safe, sound and environmentally friendly vehicles**
 - **More choice** of road vehicles for Australians
 - **Flexibility** for the future of road vehicles
 - **Improved compliance and enforcement powers**

Non-compliance with standards under the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* (MVSA)

The Minister may issue a *compulsory* recall notice under the RVSA if satisfied that one or more suppliers have not taken satisfactory action to rectify vehicles that substantively do not comply with the applicable standards made under section 7 of the MVSA at the time that it was either plated or manufactured.

Non-compliance with standards under the MVSA cont.

Supplier obligations arise under the RVSA when *voluntary* recall action is taken on the basis that a vehicle that does not comply with, or it is likely that it does not comply with, the applicable standards made under section 7 of the MVSA.

Notification to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)

The Rules no longer provide that a notification to Infrastructure under the Rules in relation to a voluntary recall is also taken to be a notification to the ACCC under the Australian Consumer Law.

However, reciprocal recognition remains our policy and we will continue to work with the ACCC to implement this.



For further information

- See our 'Rules 2019 released' page linked at the top of our website infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles for links to the Rules and our overview of changes document.
- The overview of changes document:
 - outlines the key changes between the Exposure Draft and the latest version of the Rules.
 - gives a more comprehensive look at the way that provisions of the Rules have changed from the Exposure Draft to now
- Email RVSAimplementation@infrastructure.gov.au

Questions?

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