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Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities



Road Vehicle Standards



Road Vehicle Standards Rules 2019

Overview of changes since Exposure Draft 2017

Tools Consultation Group

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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

Period of 'tools' approvals and entries

	Period in Exposure Draft 2017	Period in Rules 2019
RAW approval	2 years	5 years
Approval of a Model Report	N/A - do not expire	N/A - do not expire
AVV approval	2 years	5 years
Testing facility approval	5 years	5 years
SEVs Register entry	2 years	3 years

RAWs – quality management system

- Exposure Draft requirement – ISO9001 certification
- Rules 2019 requirement – criteria for granting a RAW approval that the corporation has a quality management system that:
 - ensures the applicant has the equipment, trained personnel and procedures in place to ensure the modification or manufacture of a road vehicle will be conducted in accordance with the relevant Model Report
 - ensures that the holder of the approval will meet any conditions to which the approval will be subject
 - meets any conditions that relate to the quality management system to which the approval will be subject

New requirements re modification by RAWs and verification by AVVs

- Damage or corrosion threshold to be set out in a determination. Any vehicle that exceeds the threshold:
 - must not be declared by the holder of a RAW approval to have been modified in accordance with an approved Model Report and must be reported to the department in writing
 - must not be verified by the holder of an AVV approval, and a verification report stating that the vehicle has not been verified be provided to the Department within one business day after the report is completed
- Verification of authorisation to use Model Report
 - RAW to make a declaration that they were authorised to use the Model Report & provide this and supporting information to AVV
 - AVV to be satisfied that the declaration is true and accurate
- AVV inspections to be in Australia

AVVs – conflicts of interest

- Rules clarify obligation regarding management of conflicts of interest
- Revised obligation of holders of AVV approvals to have effective arrangements to:
 - reduce likelihood that conflicts of interest will arise in relation to its activities, and
 - ensure that these conflicts of interest are appropriately managed if they do arise.

Standards that apply to each kind of Model Report

Kind of Model Report	Primary standards that apply	Default standards
Vehicles covered by an entry on the Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicles (SEVs) Register	Standards determined under section 89 of the Rules.	No other standards apply.
Used two- or three-wheeled vehicles	Standards determined under section 89 of the Rules.	In all other respects (if standards have not been determined under section 89 or are not applicable) modified vehicles must comply with national road vehicle standards.
Trailers with an aggregate trailer mass of more than 4.5 tonnes.	National road vehicle standards.	No other standards apply.
Certain vehicles subject to second stage of manufacture	Standards determined under section 89 of the Rules.	In all other respects (if standards have not been determined under section 89 or are not applicable) modified vehicles must comply with national road vehicle standards.

Further Model Reports clarifications

- What keeping a Model Report 'up to date' means.
- Distinguishing between varying a Model Report and varying the approval document that applies to the Model Report.

Variation, suspension and revocation of approvals

- Clarification that where we are no longer satisfied the holder of an approval meets the criteria for granting an approval, we may vary, suspend or revoke the approval.
- Clarification that we may charge for an application to vary an approval made by the holder of an approval

SEVs Register – information to be included

- The following **MUST** be included on the SEVs Register:
 - Vehicle category
 - Make
 - Model
 - Build date range
- We may also enter any other information that is considered appropriate to enter
- We may **NOT** enter any personal information

SEVs Register – definition of variant

- Amended definition of variant:
 - Sets out how ‘significantly different’ should be interpreted
 - Lists matters that should and should not, on their own, be considered significant differences
- Higher threshold for what may be considered a significant difference for vehicles with a gross vehicle mass of more than 12 tonnes, reflecting the tendency of these vehicles to be highly customised

SEVs Register – changes to specific eligibility criteria

- Performance criterion – new power to weight ratio threshold
- Left-hand drive criterion – NC category heavy goods vehicles may be eligible for entry on the SEVs Register
- Campervans and motorhomes – vehicles suitable for conversion may be eligible for entry on the SEVs Register

For further information

- Check out the 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