



Proposed additional requirements in relation to the SEVs Mobility criterion (section 132 of the Rules)

It is proposed to determine the following matters under section 136 of the Road Vehicle Standards Rules 2018 (the Rules). The purpose of these additional requirements is to limit the age and categories of vehicles under the mobility criteria.

Proposed additional requirements

- Where an application for an entry on the SEVs Register under the mobility criterion is for a vehicle in the light omnibus MD, heavy omnibus ME vehicle categories or the medium goods vehicle NB2 sub category, the variant must have been manufactured on or after 1 January 1989.

Rationale

This is to prevent used buses or medium goods vehicles with mobility features being imported that don't have to comply with any standards.

Older vehicles in these categories are not eligible for concessional RAV entry under the older vehicles eligibility criterion but importers may try to import such vehicles through SEVs. The model report concept does not include standards for vehicles manufactured before 1989, so it was decided to restrict applications to vehicles manufactured after 1989 to prevent this becoming an issue.

- Questions:
- Are the above requirements reasonable?
 - Should additional requirements be added?
 - Should any of the requirements be removed or amended?
 - Should the requirement on age of vehicles restrict applications to even newer vehicles?
 - Should the age be tied to introduction of safety ADRs?