



## Proposed additional requirements in relation to the SEVs Environmental criterion (section 131 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 the additional requirements is to limit how the environmental criterion applies to motorcycles and provide some more clarity around how a comparable standard will be determined for the purposes of the environmental criterion.

### Proposed additional requirements

1. Vehicles in all 'L' categories should not be eligible for entry onto the SEVs Register under section 131(b)(ii) of the Rules for environmental criterion, however are eligible under section 131(b)(i) of the Rules.
2. For the purposes of comparable standard, a variant of a model of road vehicle will satisfy subsection 131(a)(ii) of the Rules if it complies with a standard that achieves **similar or better emissions performance** to vehicles that comply with the **applicable ADRs for emissions**, as demonstrated as follows:
  - Information to demonstrate that the variant was required to meet or exceed an emissions standard in the market into which the vehicle was designed for that requires similar or better emissions performance than the applicable ADR.
  - The applicable ADR is to be determined using the ADR applicability rules by reference to the following parameters:
    - The equivalent unladen mass, GVM and ADR vehicle category of the variant based on specifications released for the variant in its original destination market.
    - All variants will be considered to be new models for the purposes of ADR applicability. The date of manufacture will be the date the application for SEVs entry is made.

### Rationale

This is needed to prevent the micro car criterion being a loop hole that allows all motorcycles (up to 660 cc) to be eligible, while still providing for innovative electric or hybrid motorcycles.

The proposed approach to deciding what is a comparable emissions standard was chosen for three key reasons:

- to avoid issues with Senate Standing Committee for Regulations and Ordinances (SSCRO) regarding the referencing of international standards that are not readily available
- to align with the general approach used for model reports (s89 of the Rules) for equivalent standards
- to account for the fact that the national standards (ADRs) and overseas standards will evolve with time.

Questions: Are the above requirements reasonable?  
Should additional requirements be added?  
Should any of the requirements be removed or amended?