



# CIRCULAR 61/..-3-1

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## INTERPRETATIONS

### Interpretation No. 1 (Clause 61.5)

Question: Are vehicle plates required on all ME, NC and T category vehicles?

Answer: Yes, every ME, NC and T category vehicle must be fitted with a vehicle plate.

Question: Are all the markings in the Clause headed "Vehicle Plate" (Clause 61.5 in ADRs 61/00 & 61/01 and Clause 9 in ADR 61/02) to be placed on the vehicle plates fitted to trailers?

Answer: Yes, all the trailer-related markings in this Clause must be placed on the vehicle plate, even if they also appear on the compliance plate.

## EXPLANATION

ADRs 43/00 and 43/01 required markings to be placed on ME, NC and T category vehicles. Both rules called for a 'trailer plate' on trailers. Both rules waived the need for information on the trailer plate if the information appeared on the vehicle's compliance plate. Neither rule required special markings on vehicles used in road trains or B-doubles.

ADR package #9, published on 13 December 1989, waived the requirements of ADR 43/01 if vehicles complied with ADR 43/02 and ADR 61/00.

ADR 61/.., for vehicles manufactured after 1 July 1992, specifies vehicle marking requirements, and every ME, NC and T category vehicle must carry a 'vehicle plate'. ADR 61/ does not mention 'trailer plates'.

A prime mover designed for towing a road train or B-double must have 'Road Train' or 'B-double' on its vehicle plate. A trailer designed for use in road trains must have 'Road Train' on its vehicle plate.

Markings specified by the Clause headed "Vehicle Plate" are required on the vehicle plate even if the information also appears elsewhere on the trailer, including on the compliance plate.

'Road Train' or 'B-double' must not be placed on the compliance plate unless they have been incorporated into the model designation.