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AIS Notice 40

Inspecting RVSA Type Approved Trailers

May 2023

1. Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to inform examiners of changes in the way that NSW Trailer Data Sheets are issued and used.

2. Background

On 1 July 2021 the *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018* (RVSA) was implemented by the Commonwealth to replace the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* (MVSA).

A transitional period allowed vehicles to be supplied under the provisions of each act. The transitional period ends on 30 June 2023, and the RVSA will be in full effect on 1 July 2023.

All trailers built from 1 July 2023 must have an entry on the Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV) or they will not be eligible for registration.

The RVSA also requires that all trailer manufacturers producing more than four trailers in a 12-month period obtain a Vehicle Type Approval (VTA) from the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development Communications and the Arts.

In line with the RVSA, Transport for NSW (Transport) now requires that trailer manufacturers applying for NSW Trailer Data Sheets supply evidence that they hold an in-force VTA covering the trailers they wish to have certified.

3. Changes

Searching the Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV)

AUVIS and HVAIS examiners inspecting vehicles to establish registration (including trailers) with a date of manufacture from 1 July 2021 **must** search for the vehicle's VIN on the RAV.

Trailers built in the transitional period (1 July 2021 to 30 June 2023) may or may not have a RAV entry. When inspecting trailers built in this time:

- If a trailer does have a RAV entry, Vehicle Standards Bulletin 1 Revision 6 must be used for design checks performed on the trailer.
- If a trailer does not have a RAV entry, Vehicle Standards Bulletin 1 Revision 5 must be used for design checks performed on the trailer.

Register of Approved Vehicles Search

VIN:

VIN: 17VIN123456789101

RAV Date of Entry	Entry Pathway Sub-Category	Approval Number	Approval Holder	VCC	Make	Model	Build Date	GVM / ATM (kg)	GTM (kg)	Tare (kg)	Authorised by Name
20/02/2023	Type Approval - Standard	VTA-123456	John Smiths Trailers Pty Ltd	TB	John Smiths Trailers	BXT35	02/2023	3500	3500	920	John Smiths Trailers Pty Ltd

Example type approved trailer RAV entry.

Type approved trailers with Trailer Data Sheets

Transport will continue to supply Trailer Data Sheets for trailer manufacturers who produce more than one trailer of the same model, and:

- Trailer manufacturers will need to supply evidence to Transport that they hold a VTA covering the model of trailer they wish to have a data sheet created for. Any data sheet created will bear this approval number.
- When using a Trailer Data Sheet for a trailer with a date of manufacture from 1 July 2023, the Trailer Data Sheet must have a VTA number.
- This VTA number must match the one given on the trailer's RAV entry.
- Trailer variants shown on a data sheet are exempt from the requirement to present a weighbridge ticket showing tare mass when being inspected for the establishment of registration in NSW.

Type approved trailers without a data sheet

Manufacturers do not have to obtain data sheets for the trailers they produce.

Where a trailer is presented for inspection and a search of the RAV reveals that it is a "Type Approval – Standard" and a data sheet is not available for the make and model shown on the RAV entry, the examiner must obtain a weighbridge ticket for the trailer showing the trailer's VIN and tare mass.

Changes to Identity Check rule 221, and Design Check rule 361

New inspection rules and reasons for rejection will be published in Vehicle Inspectors Bulletin 78, amending rule 221 of the identity check standards and rule 361 of the design check standards.

Examiners inspecting trailers built from 1 July 2021 for establishment of registration must refer to VIB 78.

Inspection of MVSA plated trailers from 1 July 2023

Transport recognises there may be a delay between the provision to market (sale) of an MVSA plated trailer and the registration of an MVSA plated trailer.

Transport has declared a grace period of two months to obtain the first registration of MVSA plated trailers provided to market prior to 1 July 2023.

What does this mean for examiners?

Where an examiner is presented with a trailer for the establishment of registration between 1 July 2023 and 31 August 2023 inclusive, and:

- the trailer's date of manufacture is **prior** to 1 July 2023
- the trailer's vehicle plate bears one of the following statements:
"This trailer was manufactured to comply with the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989."


or

“This trailer is an imported used trailer. It has been modified and assessed as complying with the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989.”

Then the trailer will not require a RAV entry provided that the customer requesting the inspection provides to the examiner a signed contract of sale between the manufacturer’s dealer and the customer. The contract must be reproduced on the manufacturer’s letterhead and state that the trailer was sold prior to 1 July 2023.

How new data sheets will appear

NSW Trailer Data Sheets produced after 1 July 2023 will be different to those previously produced. Shown below is an example of how new data sheets will be supplied to successful applicants:



EXAMPLE ONLY

Transport for NSW
Trailer Data Sheet
Trailers 4.5 tonnes ATM or less

This data sheet is only to be used by DVRS authorised service officers and AUVIS or HVAIS examiners inspecting trailers, of a variant described by this sheet, to establish registration.

Trailer variants described by this data sheet are exempt from the production of a weighbridge ticket when establishing registration in NSW.

The DVRS authorised service officer and AUVIS or HVAIS examiner is responsible for ensuring the specifications for the trailer being inspected, match the relevant variant on this data sheet.

Transport for NSW Data Sheet information		
Trailer Data Sheet number VTA123456-001	Issue date 25/5/2023	

Published approval details		
Approval Holder Bloggs Trailers PTY LTD	Trailer make Bloggs Trailers	ADR category code TB
Vehicle type approval number VTA - 123456		


Model and variant details					
	Variant	Variant	Variant	Variant	Variant
Model name	Bloggs Box				
Variant name	Bloggs Box 2000				
Tare mass	950				
Gross trailer mass	1400				
Aggregate trailer mass	1450				
NSW body code	BXT				
Axle code	T1				
DRIVES model code	BLOGBX1				
DRIVES variant code	BLOGGSBOX2K1				
Effective date	25/5/2023				

Variant name 1

Sample trailer plate

Manufactured by: BLOGGS TRAILERS
Model: BLOGGS BOX
ATM: 1450KG
GTM: 1400KG
Tare mass: 950KG
Manufactured on: 1/5/2023
VIN: 6XXXBLOGGBXT12345
Type size: 185R15C
Speed rating: 260 (Q)
Load rating: 750 (58)

Sample trailer



4. Further Information

For information about:

- how to inspect trailers in NSW, and

- registration requirements of trailers in NSW

Contact: **Transport for NSW Technical Enquiries**
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For information about:

- Vehicle Type Approvals
- Concessional RAV entry applications
- RAV and ROVER

Contact: **Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications**
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For information about:

- obtaining VINs for trailers

Contact: **Transport for NSW Vehicle Identification Unit**
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Useful links:

- ROVER Portal: <https://rover.infrastructure.gov.au>
- Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV) Search: <https://rav.infrastructure.gov.au/>