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Authorised Inspection Scheme

Notice 41

Inspecting Concessional Low-ATM Trailers

Revision 1 - Effective from 1 July 2023

Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to inform AIS examiners of the changes in the way trailers are inspected under RVSA Legislation.

Background

On 1 July 2021 the *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018* (RVSA) was implemented to replace the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* (MVSA), and a transitional period commenced allowing vehicles to be provided under either act.

The transitional period ends on 30 June 2023, and the RVSA will be in full effect on the 1 July 2023.

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

RAV entries perform a similar function to a compliance plate issued under the MVSA.

The Vehicle Identification Unit previously issued VINs to new “homemade” trailers.

People building less than four trailers per year can now obtain a VIN from the Commonwealth as part of an application for Concessional entry approval to the RAV. The application for a VIN will be replaced with an Identity Approval application to ensure these trailers continue to be assessed by the Vehicle Identification Unit.

Changes

From 1 July 2023, all examiners inspecting trailers for the establishment of registration with a build date from 1 July 2021 must perform a search on the RAV for the trailer’s VIN number.

AIS Rule changes

Vehicle Inspectors Bulletin 78 (VIB 78) will implement the following changes:

- Identity Check Rule 221 with the inclusion of rule 221.04
- Design Check Rule 361 Trailers and Caravans with the inclusion of rule 361.03.

VIN Issuance changes

Transport for NSW Vehicle Identification Unit will no longer issue VINs to “homemade” trailers.

Where a customer presents to an AUVIS/HVAIS examiner with a brand-new trailer that does not bear a VIN, the examiner is to instruct the customer to make an application on the ROVER Portal for a Concessional RAV entry together with a VIN.

Inspection Procedure changes

Where an examiner finds that the trailers RAV entry type is a “Concessional – low-ATM trailer” the examiner must apply for an Identity Approval from Transport for NSW prior to issuing an inspection report to the trailer.

Obtaining an Identity Approval

Transport has identified that low-ATM trailers bearing a Concessional RAV entry pose a higher risk of identification irregularities than other trailer types and has implemented the following procedure to reduce the likelihood of erroneous registration of these trailers.

Incorporated into the process is the upload of trailer data into AIS Online, which will reduce the need for AUVIS and HVAIS examiners to produce manual inspection reports. Transport for NSW will also conduct an audit of the trailer’s identity.

If a low-ATM trailer:

- presents for registration in NSW for the first time, and
- has a Concessional RAV entry on the RAV

Then the examiner must apply for and obtain an Identity Approval from Transport prior to completing the inspection.

Instructions for obtaining this approval are given in [Vehicle Inspectors Bulletin 78](#) under rule 221.04 and examiners will need to complete an [Apply for Identity Approval – Concessional Trailer form \(5703\)](#).

Further Information

To view the amendments to Identity Check Rule 221 and Design Check Rule 361, please see: [Vehicle Inspectors Bulletin 78](#)

To view new inspection procedures relating to the inspection of type-approved trailers, please see: [AIS Notice 40](#)

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

- how to inspect trailers in NSW, and
- registration requirements of trailers in NSW

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

- Vehicle Type Approvals
- Concessional RAV entry applications
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Contact: **Transport for NSW Vehicle Identification Unit** for information about:

- obtaining ID approval for trailers

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