

CERTIFICATION OF OVER DIMENSION VEHICLES

ADR 43/02 authorises the Administrator to approve vehicles which do not comply fully with the dimensional limits specified in the rule. The purpose of this Circular is to set out the procedures to be followed when there is a requirement for approval of over dimension vehicles. It is emphasised that over dimension vehicles will be approved as very much the exception and that such approval is not a guarantee of their ability to be registered and used. Registration and use of such vehicles remains the prerogative of the State(s) or Territory(s) in which the vehicles are to be used and is subject to any conditions imposed on such use.

The Administrator will accept applications for Compliance Plate Approval for over dimension vehicles (in particular trailers which do not comply with Clauses 43.4.1.2.1 and 43.4.1.2.4) under the following conditions:

- (1) The model name clearly identifies that the vehicle is over dimension by using O.D. as a qualifier immediately following the model name.
- (2) An amending application to an existing approval is not acceptable. As the introduction of the qualifier to the model name creates a new unique Make-Model, an original application is necessary.

Where there is an existing approval for a motor vehicle which is identical with respect to other applicable ADRs "carry over" of evidence may be done in the usual way. For trailers, where there is an existing approval for a fully complying trailer which is identical to the over dimension trailer in all other ADR aspects manufacturers may "carry over" such ADR evidence to the over dimension trailer. In this case it will only be necessary to state on the VSB34/3 Annex A application:

"The evidence applicable to this vehicle is identical to that supplied to gain Compliance Plate Approval ..... Issue ....."

- (3) Applications for approval of over dimension vehicles shall only be made with ADR 43/02 and ADR 61/00 as those applicable to "configuration and dimensions" and "marking". No approvals for over dimension vehicles will be given where ADR 43/01 is cited as the applicable rule. Manufacturers are reminded that they may always seek approval to comply with a published ADR prior to its mandatory applicability date.

- (4) Manufacturers shall state clearly on the application all Clauses of ADR 43/02 with which the vehicle does not comply.
- (5) The Compliance Plate Approval for an over dimension vehicle will state which dimensional Clause(s) of ADR 43/02 are not complied with and will state "Use to be subject to conditions imposed by registering authority".