## **CIRCULAR 0-4-22**

# CERTIFICATION OF HEAVY LOW LOADER TRAILERS

#### **BACKGROUND**

The second edition ADR 38, Heavy Trailer Braking Systems, exempted trailers over 60 tonnes GTMR (ATM) or trailers with a maximum towed speed of less than 50 km/h from the requirements of the Rule and no other ADR was applicable to such trailers. The advent of the third edition ADRs changed that and such trailers are now required to comply with the applicable ADRs like any other trailers.

The Administrator has decided that where it is not practicable for heavy low loader trailers to meet some of the requirements of the ADRs exemptions from these requirements will be allowed under the arrangements permitted for the approval of non standard vehicles. Use of all such trailers are to be subject to conditions imposed by Registration Authority.

### PRINCIPLE OF EXEMPTION FROM ADR REQUIREMENTS

The principle which will be applied to heavy low loader trailers for which relaxation or exemption from ADR requirements is sought is that compliance with the ADRs is required unless it is impractical to do so given the configurations or applications of such trailers.

#### JUSTIFICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION

Manufacturers must provide strong justifications as to why a particular requirement or requirements of the ADRs cannot be met.

Justifications should provide details of each requirement including the ADR clause concerned for which compliance cannot be met.

### **APPROVAL TYPES**

Trailers meeting the requirements of ADR 38/00 or 38/01 but not certain requirements of other applicable ADRs will be issued an approval for a non-standard trailer.

Trailers not meeting the full requirements of ADR 38/00 or 38/01 and other ADR requirements will be issued a Letter of Assessment which will detail the extent of non-compliance with the ADRs and the level of braking available.

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