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CTA variations are being rejected when updating to latest mandatory ADR's for sub assemblies like truck/bus chassis.	4	<p>When Australian Design Rules (ADRs) are updated, you may be required to add new or updated compliance information to your approval to ensure the continued compliance of your component type.</p> <p>Where the new or amended ADR changes the scope of your component type's compliance with national road vehicle standards, you will need to apply for a new component type approval. This prevents two components with differing performance to fall under the same component type approval number, ensuring the traceability of components used in the manufacture of vehicles provided under a vehicle type approval.</p> <p>Please refer to the <i>Guide to component type approvals - Appendix 4</i> for more information on what you can and cannot apply to vary (https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/department/media/publications/guide-component-type-approvals-appendix-4-what-you-can-and-cannot-apply-vary).</p> <p>The department will consider facilitating a working group to discuss where this policy is creating issues for some sectors and benefiting other sectors of industry.</p>
Can you please provide an update on ROVER release 9? Changes being made, expected outages, etc.	10	<p>The upcoming outage is expected to take place from 5pm Friday 7 June until 9am Wednesday 12 June while we deploy the newly rebuilt ROVER portal and Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV). RAV submissions will also be unavailable from 5pm Friday until 5pm Saturday 8 June.</p> <p>The ROVER portal and RAV are being rebuilt on a more secure platform to maintain the required level of security to protect from cyber attacks. The rebuild is like-for-like with the current portal, with some design changes to improve the user experience.</p> <p>For updates on the progress of the rebuild, you can subscribe to RVS News Updates (www.infrastructure.gov.au/RVS-subscribe) or visit our website: www.infrastructure.gov.au and search for 'ROVER Portal Rebuild'.</p>
The quality of RFI's is not improving and remains a major issue for application processing.	4	<p>Our technical assessment and policy teams have continued to work to improve the quality of requests for information. If you have a specific example of a request for information that is unclear, unrelated to the application in question or of a generally poor quality, please provide this information to ROVERinfo@infrastructure.gov.au</p>
Heavy vehicle RVD only requires 'Engine with Max power' to be listed. This is causing problems when reg authorities claim vehicles don't match RVD.	4	<p>The department has raised this matter with state and territory registration authorities. Jurisdictions have been advised that some details provided in the Road Vehicle Descriptor for heavy vehicles will not match all variants.</p>
Has work on the CRIS review progressed?	2	<p>The department is spreading out planned consultations to ensure it doesn't impose an unnecessarily high burden on industry. We will provide an updated timeframe as soon as we are able.</p>
Has there been any progression in identifying approval/ application numbers in ROVER notification emails?	4	<p>The department's focus has been on the current ROVER Portal Rebuild, which will be deployed in June 2024. At this time, we have been unable to consider or progress this suggestion.</p> <p>We will consider including this and other additional functionalities as enhancements for a future release.</p>
With SFV, a vehicle declared as PM, does this have to be a completed vehicle? or can a vehicle that is PM spec but in cab chassis be uploaded as PM?	6	<p>When adding safer freight vehicles on the Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV), a prime mover must generally be a complete vehicle, including fitment of a fifth wheel assembly. An incomplete prime mover could only be entered on the RAV if this was permitted as part of the approval, such as for the fitting of lamps, reflectors or wheel guards.</p> <p>If the vehicle is intended to be a prime mover but does not have a fifth wheel assembly at the time it is entered on the RAV, the vehicle would be considered a chassis-cab and should be entered with the CC code.</p> <p>Please refer to the <i>Guide to safer freight vehicles</i> for more information (https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/guide-to-safer-freight-vehicles.pdf).</p> <p>If there is a reason for a vehicle intended to be a prime mover that is fitted with a fifth wheel but is otherwise incomplete, please contact us at ROVERinfo@infrastructure.gov.au</p>

<p>With SFV being a rigid configuration but as a completed vehicle, is it expected to be uploaded as cab chassis in SFV field?</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>When adding a safer freight vehicle on the RAV, it should not be entered as a cab chassis (and the 'XX' is not used) if the vehicle is a completed rigid truck.</p> <p>The safer freight vehicle identification code should be in one of the following formats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SFV-Y1Y1Y1Y1-Y2Y2Y2Y2 • SFV-Y1Y1Y1Y1 <p>Please refer to the Guide to safer freight vehicles for more information (https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/guide-to-safer-freight-vehicles.pdf).</p>
<p>Can please advise the process and requirements for extending Test Facility and Vehicle Type Approvals in ROVER?</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>To renew an approval you will need to submit a new application, taking into account the legislated processing timeframes to ensure there is adequate time to assess and decide the application.</p> <p>Where a subsequent approval is granted, you may retain the original approval number.</p> <p>Where an approval expires before an application to renew has been submitted or decided, the new approval will not retain the original approval number.</p>
<p>Upon the expiration of a SEVS entry, will the associated Model report and CRE be suspended automatically? Communication to AVV's?</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>When a Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicle (SEVs) Register entry expires, the associated Model Reports will remain in-force and any concessional RAV entry approvals granted before the expiration of a SEVs Register entry will remain valid.</p>
<p>Can model report for a SEVs that expired, but a new SEV has been approved. Is it possible to update existing MR as a variation w new SEV-No or new MR app req?</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>If you apply to renew an entry on the SEVs Register and are successful, you can apply to vary the associated Model Report to include to new SEVs Register entry number. If the SEVs Register entry is renewed with the same entry number then the Model Report will not need to be varied.</p>
<p>Last Webinar, more generic CI forms will be used going forward. However, to support GVG, we provide additional info to ROVER. Will ADR81 CI form be updated?</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>All compliance information forms will be generic in the newly rebuilt ROVER portal, including those for ADRs 81 and 79/04.</p> <p>In the newly rebuilt ROVER portal, if you are seeking a higher air pollution rating (Euro 6 or Beyond Euro 6) for a vehicle or providing information for the Green Vehicle Guide, you can provide details in the <u>comments and any other matters</u> page of your application for a vehicle type approval.</p> <p>Please refer to the <i>What's new? What's different? guide</i> for the ROVER Portal Rebuild for more information (https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/rover-portal-rebuild-whats-new-whats-different-guide.pdf).</p>
<p>If SEVS entry is valid 3 years - why are model reports valid for 7, given that the link between the two?</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Model Reports are valid indefinitely as they are required for vehicles being modified under multiple application types, including: vehicle type approvals, second stage of manufacture, used motorcycles and vehicles entered on to the Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicle Register.</p> <p>A person may also seek to list the same vehicle on the SEVs Register again if it remains eligible, or a person who has imported a vehicle from the SEVs Register may wait a period of time before completing modifications.</p> <p>For more information, visit the Model Reports page on our website (www.infrastructure.gov.au/model-reports).</p>
<p>You mentioned that SEV's will be prioritized. Will this be a priority over VTA variations and as such should be expect to see approvals closer to the 60 days?</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>We do not anticipate any significant changes to application processing times.</p> <p>Expiring SEVs Register entries are unlikely to impact processing times of other application types as the applications to renew are straightforward to process and there are not an excessive number of SEVs Register entries expiring.</p>
<p>To confirm understanding post discussion about renewing a VTA. A model subject to a renewal application is not considered a 'new' model per ADR</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Yes, when renewing a vehicle type approval, any vehicle models listed in the approval will not be considered as 'new' models when determining Australian Design Rule applicability.</p>
<p>Opt-In approval at expire requires a new VTA Application or is there a renew pathway under development?</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>When a vehicle type approval is due to expire, you will be required to submit a new application to renew the approval. If the subsequent approval is granted, you will be able to retain the same approval number.</p> <p>Please refer to the <i>Guide to vehicle type approvals</i> for more information (https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/guide_to_vehicle_type_approvals.pdf).</p>
<p>With renewing a VTA which requires a new VTA application, will ADR 42/04 for example still be able to be utilised?</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>In principle, if you are applying to 'renew' your vehicle type approval and the scope of the approval is exactly the same, you will be able to utilise the same ADRs that were covered by the original approval.</p>

<p>Can the ROVER team explain how the Cybertruck legally touched down in Aus and was able to operate on the road 'legally'?</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>We can not comment on specific applications or approvals received or granted by the department.</p> <p>Vehicles that are granted a non-RAV entry import approval can be used on public roads in exceptional circumstances, including for testing or market evaluation purposes.</p> <p>States and territories are responsible for determining whether a non-RAV entry vehicle is able to operate on the roads in their jurisdiction, and any conditions on that operation.</p> <p>Please refer to the Guide to non-RAV entry import approvals for more details (https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/department/media/publications/guide-non-rav-entry-import-approvals).</p>
<p>Will the Rover Department ever consider making the Delta or 'change' between any ADR revisions written easy and or visible? The change is not always easy 2find.</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>Each ADR includes an explanatory statement document to explain what has changed between versions. The explanatory statement for new ADRs provides information on what the standard is for and how it works.</p> <p>In <i>RVS News Update - Edition 32</i> we advised industry that more information is being added to explanatory statements to provide clarity and transparency around the policy intent for ADRs, to help manufacturers better interpret the technical requirements.</p>