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## CERTIFICATION OF TRAILERS UP TO 4.5 TONNES AGGREGATE TRAILER MASS

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* and Motor Vehicle Standards Regulations 1989 make it an offence to import or sell or present for first registration a new or imported vehicle that does not comply with the national standards, except under circumstances where an exemption has been granted by the Administrator of Vehicle Standards as the delegate of the Minister. The Australian Design Rules (ADRs) for motor vehicles and trailers have been prescribed as the national standards.

### 2. CERTIFICATION

Trailers of an Aggregate Trailer Mass (ATM) up to 4.5 tonnes are not subject to certification. In effect, this means that manufacturers of these trailers will not be required to make an application to the Administrator for approval to affix an identification plate to a particular model of trailer.

Manufacturers shall affix to each trailer that has been manufactured to comply with the applicable ADRs a plate containing the following information and statement:

Manufacturer's name

Trailer Model

Trailer Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)

Date of Manufacture

Aggregate Trailer Mass

Statement: This trailer was manufactured to comply with the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989*

It is the responsibility of the person or company manufacturing a trailer to ensure that the trailer when first supplied to the market meets the requirements of the ADRs.

### 3. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

The design and construction requirements for new trailers are contained in the Vehicle Standards Bulletin No 1 – Building Small Trailers. A copy may be downloaded from the Department's website at: [http://www.dotars.gov.au/transreg/str\\_vsb.htm](http://www.dotars.gov.au/transreg/str_vsb.htm). A trailer complying with the requirements of VSB No.1 will be considered to comply with the ADRs.

### 4. PENALTY

The maximum penalty for selling or using a non-complying trailer manufactured after 31 July 1989 is 120 penalty units. (A penalty units means \$110.)

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**Administrator of Vehicle Standards**  
in consultation with the  
**Australian Motor Vehicle Certification Board**  
comprising Commonwealth, State and Territory representatives



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## **5. INDIVIDUALLY CONSTRUCTED TRAILERS**

An individually constructed trailer (i.e. a trailer built by a person as a one off trailer) is not subject to the Act.

The State or Territory registering authority where the trailer is intended to be registered should be consulted for their requirements for registration.

## **6. REGISTRATION**

Registration of vehicles remains the responsibility for the States and Territories. Trailer manufacturers should consult the registering authority where their trailers will be registered for requirements (such as inspection) for registration.