

CIRCULAR NO. 38-1-5

PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF COMPLIANCE PLATE APPROVALS AND COMPLIANCE MARK APPROVALS

INTRODUCTION

1. The Australian Motor Vehicle Certification Board has agreed that Compliance Plate Approvals (CPA) for Trailers and Compliance Mark Approvals (CMA) for Heavy Trailer Braking Systems Sub-Assemblies will be valid for the life of the Model. It is the responsibility of the manufacturer to ensure that the Model continues to comply with the relevant ADRs (at present only ADR 38), and conform to the description of the Model given in the application for Approval, throughout the life of the Model.

INTRODUCTION OF ADDITIONAL ADR'S

2. The Compliance Plate Approval becomes invalid on the implementation date for a new ADR applicable to Trailers. In such a case a new application for Compliance Plate Approval must be made using Form VSB 34/3.

3. In cases where compliance with one or more ADRs is demonstrated by information which has been submitted by the manufacturer in support of a previous VSB 34/3 for the trailer model concerned, or for another similar trailer model, it is not necessary to resubmit this information. In these cases the existing information may be called forward by referring, in Annex A. to its particular document reference number and the manufacturer's reference number from the VSB 34/3 it originally supported.

4. A re-issue of an existing ADR number with a suffix advance (e.g. ADR 38A) is considered to be a new ADR.

5. Compliance Mark Approvals for Heavy Trailer Braking System Sub-Assemblies will become invalid upon the re-issue of ADR 38 with a suffix advance. A new application for Compliance Mark Approval must be made using Form VSB72. The procedure outlined in 3, above, is applicable.

CHANGES TO A TRAILER

6. The Compliance Plate Approval becomes invalid whenever a change is made to a Trailer Model which affects compliance with the applicable ADRs. The procedure for running changes is outlined in Circular No. 38-1-2. Once an extension of CPA is made in respect of a change, the CPA is invalid for any future production to the original (unchanged) specification.

7. A new application for CPA must also be made in respect of a previously approved Make-Model designation, whenever a change is required in the approved Compliance Plate format. Such changes may be the addition of new ADRs, change in trailer Make- Model designation or manufacturer's name etc. Where applicable these must be supported by new submissions of evidence demonstrating that the changed trailer Model continues to comply with ADRs shown on the compliance plate.

CHANGES TO A SUB-ASSEMBLY

8. The Compliance Mark Approval becomes invalid whenever a change is made to a sub-assembly Model which affects its characteristics in respect of ADR 38. The procedure for running changes is outlined in Circular No.38-1-2. Once an extension of CMA is made in respect of a change the CMA is invalid for any future production to the original (unchanged) specification.

9. A new application for CMA must also be made in respect of a previously approved Make-Model designation, whenever a change is required in the format of the Compliance Mark Approval. Such changes may be the change in sub-assembly Make-Model designation, manufacturer's name installation instructions etc. Where applicable these must be supported by new submissions of evidence demonstrating that the changed sub-assembly Model continues to comply with ADR 38.

CORRESPONDENCE

10. In correspondence with the Board concerning particular trailer or sub-assembly Model types, manufacturers must always quote the Make-Model Designation in identical terms to that appearing in the relevant Application for Compliance Plate Approval (Trailers)(VSB 34/3), or Compliance Mark Approval (VSB 34/4), and on the Compliance Plate or Compliance Mark. The manufacturer's reference number from the relevant VSB 34 must also be quoted.