



CIRCULAR 43/01-2-2

CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR ADR 43/01 INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION

1. ADR 43/01, which differs from ADR 43/00 only in the requirements relating to the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), becomes mandatory for all vehicles manufactured on or after 1 January 1989.

2. As the basic characteristic of the ADR 43/01 VIN as specified in ISO 3779, ISO 3780 and FMVSS 115 is to have 17 alpha-numeric characters and the location and attachment requirements specified in ISO 4030 and FMVSS 115 are fully compatible with the Board's present requirements the Board considers that a simplified certification process for demonstrating compliance with ADR 43/01 is permissible. Accordingly in the interests of minimising the workload of both manufacturers and the Board the following certification procedures will be applied.

Vehicles holding current compliance plate approval and with a seventeen character VIN whose characteristics and location satisfy ADR 43/01 but ADR 43/01 is not shown in the approval.

3. Manufacturers shall submit to the Board a list of vehicles by Make/Model and Compliance Plate Approval number which comply with ADR 43/01.

- (a) Amended Compliance Plate Approvals will not be issued for these vehicles.

Vehicles holding current compliance plate approval of the 2nd edition type (i.e. ADRs are listed on the compliance plate) but either the structure or location of the VIN does not comply with ADR 43/01 requirements.

4. Manufacturers shall submit an amending CA form for each vehicle make/model showing the conforming VIN and/or the conforming location. Manufacturers should state in Section 7 of the CA form that the VIN meets ADR 43/01. No Annex A is required.

- (a) The Board will issue a new Compliance Plate Approval.

- (b) Manufacturers may show "43/01" as one of the ADRs on the 2nd Edition Compliance Plate if they wish but it is not essential to do so.
- (c) For those manufacturers who elect to convert a "2nd Edition" type Compliance Plate to a "3rd Edition" type Compliance Plate at this time compliance with ADR 43/01 will be shown in Schedule 5 of the Compliance Plate Approval document in the usual way.

Vehicles holding current compliance plate approval of the "3rd edition" type (i.e. ADRs are not shown on the plate) but either the structure or location of the VIN does not conform to ADR 43/01 requirements.

5. Manufacturers shall submit an amending CA form for each vehicle make/model showing the conforming VIN and/or the conforming location. Manufacturers should state in Section 7 of the CA form that the VIN meets ADR 43/01. No Annex A is required.

- (a) The Board will issue a new Compliance Plate Approval in the usual way.

SPECIAL NOTE ON VIN LOCATION

6. In view of an imminent proposed change to ADR 43/01 to permit the VIN to be on the left hand side of the vehicle in lieu of the right hand side as specified in Clause 4.1 of ISO 4030 the Board will accept VINs on either side of the vehicle as complying with ADR 43/01.