

Submission 85 – RVS Legislation Consultation

Hi,

I have been told by a number of importers that from 01/01/2019 changes in the Motor Vehicles Standard Act will deny all NC category vehicles (heavy vehicles over 12.0 tonne) by low volume, R.A.W.S. and personal importers. Is this the case?

If true, an omission of the NC category in the Motor Vehicles Standard Act will have a devastating impact on importers which specialize in Heavy Vehicle (NC) imports which include vintage and historic(collector) heavy vehicles as well as all post 1989 trucks like Peterbilt trucks, new and second-hand. The omission of this category is a blow to businesses that serve the transport industry. It also threatens the availability of parts for existing customers that have imported Peterbilt trucks, as importers have built relationships with suppliers, particularly in the USA and Japan to source trucks and parts. With the departure of the car industry and a government that is supposed to be focused on jobs and growth, I would hope that such a decision has not been taken. However, This is not what industry has been telling me.

The current scheme has been working despite the bureaucracy associated with it and businesses that have made big investments into accreditation, specialist tooling, processes, and employee skills on the basis that this category would be continuing. Why is the department intent on dealing such a blow to our local Australian businesses?

I look forward to your urgent response.

Kind Regards

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