



PROPOSAL DETAIL

Reform of the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicles

The *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* (the Act) provides the regulatory framework to control safety, environmental and anti-theft performance of all vehicles entering the Australian market for the first time – both new and used. The reforms will deliver modernised legislation to increase community safety, provide greater choice and protection for consumers, and remove unnecessary red tape on businesses.

The Register of Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicles (SEV Register) is a means of identifying vehicles that are of specialist or enthusiast interest and otherwise not available in the Australian market. By limiting the types of vehicles that are available, compliance concessions can be given without undermining the Act.

Changes to the process for determining eligibility for concessional importation will more closely align eligible vehicles with specialist and enthusiast demand.

In order to be entered on the SEV Register, all vehicle types will be required to meet one of five criteria:

- **Performance** – high-performance vehicles with specifications (e.g. power to weight ratio) significantly superior to mainstream vehicles in Australia;
- **Environmental** – vehicles that offer environmental performance (e.g. emissions of carbon dioxide per kilometre) significantly superior to mainstream vehicles in Australia;
- **Mobility** – vehicles manufactured with special features to assist people with a disability;
- **Rarity** – vehicles of which only small quantities have been produced; or
- **Left-Hand-Drive** – vehicles originally manufactured as left-hand-drive, of which right-hand-drive versions are not available in any other country.

The eligibility thresholds under these criteria will be developed in light of further consultation.

In combination with changes to the Registered Automotive Workshop Scheme (see Info Sheet 3), the revised SEV Register eligibility process and criteria will allow for a wider range of specialist and enthusiast vehicles to be commercially viable for supply in Australia, while reducing the risk of concessional importation and supply of vehicles that are not significantly different to readily available (full volume) vehicles.

Other proposed changes to the operation of the SEV Register are:

- a vehicle may be listed on the SEV Register three months after release in any country (reduced from 18 months for used vehicles) if the model/variant is not already available under full volume type approval in Australia;
 - In order to be considered available in 'full volume', a vehicle must be available for delivery to Australian consumers within three months of an initial order;
- Where a particular model variant is not available in full volume under a type approval in Australia, it may be eligible for entry on the SEV Register if the vehicle specification is sufficiently different to variants that are available in full volume.

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- entries will remain on the SEV Register for 24 months, after which a further application can be made; and
 - the published SEV Register will include details of available model reports to assist people in establishing whether a vehicle can be made compliant with Australian standards before purchase.

Both new and used specialist and enthusiast vehicles that are eligible for importation and supply to the Australian market through Registered Automotive Workshops will be listed on the SEV Register. For further details on the Registered Automotive Workshop Scheme, please refer to the 'Registered Automotive Workshop Scheme' Info Sheet (Info Sheet 3).