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**To: QHMC Club Delegates and Affiliated Clubs**

**Subject: Certification of imported vehicles prior to first Australian registration**

As of October 1, 2014, the rules relating to the certification of imported pre-ADR vehicles have changed and the LO8 modification Code used for these vehicles has been repealed.

Inspection and certification by an Approved Person (engineer etc.) and the issuing of a blue modification plate showing that the vehicle meets LO8 requirements is no longer required prior to first registration.

Instead, pre-1969 vehicles only will now be checked for compliance with Queensland vehicle standards as part of the Safety Certificate inspection. These requirements are based on the Australian Vehicle Standards Rules and are generally consistent with those of Code LO8.

This is essentially an administrative process change. The vehicle still needs to meet the requirements set down in Queensland legislation, only the inspection requirements have changed.

Vehicles built between 1969 and 1988 will still require certification by an Approved Person who will issue a blue modification plate certifying the vehicle complies with Code LO1 of VSB14.

Below is the text of the Vehicle Standards Instruction. The yellow highlighted section explains the change for pre- ADR vehicles.

### **Notes**

The removal of the modification plate requirement for pre-1969 vehicles only relates to import certification. Other modifications still need to be certified and plated as per VSB 14 requirements. *This is a Queensland requirement only.* Other states and territories have their own processes.

## Vehicle Standards Instruction (Light 26.0)

### Certification of pre-1989 imported vehicles

Released August 2014

As part of Queensland Government's commitment to reducing red tape and regulation, the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) will introduce changes to certification requirements for newly imported vehicles that were manufactured prior to 1 January 1989. These revised requirements will commence from 1 October 2014.

Under the current system:

- Imported vehicles built prior to 1969 (pre-ADR vehicles) have to meet the requirements of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2010* and require certification to the LO8 section of the *Queensland Code of Practice – Vehicle Modifications*.
- Imported vehicles built between 1969 and 1971 (2nd Edition ADR vehicles) have to meet the applicable requirements of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Australian Design Rules and also require certification to the LO8 section of the *Queensland Code of Practice – Vehicle Modifications*.
- Imported vehicles built between 1972 and 1988 (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition ADR vehicle) have to meet the applicable requirements of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Australian Design Rules and require certification to the LO1 section of the *National Code of Practice for Light Vehicle Construction and Modification*.

From 1 October 2014, the type of certification required will be aligned to match the vehicle standards the vehicle is required to meet. This will mean:

- For vehicles built prior to 1969 (pre-ADR vehicles) certification by an Approved Person will no longer be required and the necessary vehicle standards requirements will be assessed by an Approved Examiner during a Safety Certificate inspection.
- For vehicles built between 1969 and 1988 (2nd Edition ADR vehicle) certification to the LO1 section of the *National Code of Practice for Light Vehicle Construction and Modification* will be required.  
**Please note:** A minor variation will be included in the LO1 section that exempts seatbelt requirements for vehicles built prior to 1972.
- The LO8 section of the - *Queensland Code of Practice – Vehicle Modifications* will be repealed.

### Approved Person Accreditation

As this change will result in the removal of the LO8 modification code, there will be some minor impacts on Approved Persons, namely:

- Approved Persons currently accredited for the LO8 code will see this code removed when your accreditation is next renewed.
- A revised version of the *Queensland Code of Practice – Vehicle Modifications* will be produced that no longer includes the LO8 section.
- A revised version of the LO1 section of the *National Code of Practice for Light Vehicle Construction and Modification* will be produced that includes the minor local variation.

## Registration Requirements

This change will not alter any other registration requirements for these vehicles, including the requirement for a safety certificate.

## Related Documents

### Queensland Code of Practice—Vehicle Modifications

Available on-line from the Department of Transport and Main Roads' website

<http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Safety/Vehicle-standards-and-modifications/Vehicle-modifications/Light-vehicle-modifications.aspx#qcop>

### National Code of Practice for Light Vehicle Construction and Modification

Available on-line from the Department of Transport and Main Roads' website

<http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Safety/Vehicle-standards-and-modifications/Vehicle-modifications/Light-vehicle-modifications.aspx#ncop>

### Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2010

Available on-line from the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel's website

<https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/T/TrantOpRUVSSR10.pdf>

### Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Accreditation and Other Provisions) Regulation 2005

Available on-line from the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel's website

<https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/T/TrantOpRUAcR05.pdf>

## Further Information

- For further information about accreditation as an Approved Person please contact the Approved Person Administrator by email at [AP@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:AP@tmr.qld.gov.au).
- For further information about approval to operate an Approved Inspection Station please contact the AIS Administrator by email at [AIS@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:AIS@tmr.qld.gov.au).
- Vehicle operators seeking technical advice on ensuring pre-1989 imported vehicles comply with the vehicle standards should contact an Approved Person or Approved Inspection Station (AIS). For contact details for an Approved Person or AIS in your area, please contact TMR on 13 23 80.
- Should an Approved Person or Approved Examiner require further assistance, they should contact Vehicle Standards and Modification Advice.