



**WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND**

**PURSUANT** to *sections 152 and 155* of the Land Transport Act 1998, and after having had regard to the criteria specified in *section 164(2)* of that Act

I, *Michael Wood*, Minister of Transport,

make the following ordinary Rule:

Land Transport Rule: Heavy Vehicles Amendment 2021

**SIGNED** AT Wellington

This 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021

Hon Michael Wood

Minister of Transport

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# Land Transport Rule

## Heavy Vehicles Amendment 2021

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## Objective of the Rule

The objective of *Land Transport Rule: Heavy Vehicles Amendment 2021* (this Rule) is to make the following amendments to *Land Transport Rule: Heavy Vehicles 2004*:

- Correct an error in the wording of the standard referenced in clause 4.8(2)(b)(ii).
- Amend the definition of tri-axle set to include single standard-tyred axles.

## Extent of consultation

For the purposes of consultation, amendments proposed to *Land Transport Rule: Heavy Vehicles 2004* and other land transport rules were combined into a single draft rule, the *Land Transport Rule: Regulatory Stewardship (Omnibus) Amendment 2020* (the Omnibus Amendment Rule). Following consultation, the provisions in the Omnibus Amendment Rule were split into separate amendment rules. The amendments to *Land Transport Rule: Heavy Vehicles 2004* were put into this Rule.

The NZ Transport Agency sent out notifications of the amendment proposals by email to approximately 1861 groups and individuals who had registered an interest in the rules to be amended. The Omnibus Amendment Rule was made available, together with an overview document, on the NZ Transport Agency's website. Public consultation was carried out from 25 August 2020 to 16 October 2020. The availability of the amendment proposals for comment was publicised in the *Gazette* on 26 August 2020.

The NZ Transport Agency received 23 submissions on the Omnibus Amendment Rule, none of which were in relation to the proposed amendments to the *Heavy Vehicles Rule 2004*. However, 8 submissions were received regarding the proposed amendments to the definition of tri-axle set in *Land Transport Rule: Heavy-vehicle Brakes 2006*. The submissions were taken into account in finalising this Rule, following which this Rule was submitted to the Minister of Transport for signing.



## **Section 1 Preliminary provisions**

### **1.1 Title**

This Rule is *Land Transport Rule: Heavy Vehicles Amendment 2021*.

### **1.2 Commencement**

This Rule comes into force on 1 May 2021.

### **1.3 Principal Rule amended**

This Rule amends *Land Transport Rule: Heavy Vehicles 2004*.

## **Section 2 Amendments to principal Rule**

### **2.1 Clause 4.8 amended (Skid plates and kingpins)**

Replace clause 4.8(2)(b)(ii) with:

(ii) *Australian/New Zealand Standard 4968.3-2003: Heavy-road vehicles – Mechanical coupling between articulated vehicle combinations – Kingpins and associated equipment; and*

### **2.2 Part 2 amended (Definitions)**

2.2(1) In Part 2, definition of **Tri-axle set**, in paragraph (a), after “not less than 2 m”, insert “(or 1.8 m in the case of a single standard-tyred axles).”

2.2(2) In Part 2, definition of **Tri-axle set**, revoke paragraph (c).