



WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

PURSUANT to Section 152 of the Land Transport Act 1998

I, **Harry James Duynhoven**, Minister for Transport Safety,

**HEREBY** make the following ordinary Rule:

Land Transport Rule: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages Amendment

SIGNED AT Wellington

This *8th* day of *August* 2005

Harry James Duynhoven

**Minister for Transport Safety**

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## Objective of the Rule

**Land Transport Rule: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages Amendment 2005** amends *Land Transport Rule: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages 2002*, which states in which seating positions seatbelts must be fitted in a motor vehicle and the type of seatbelt that must be fitted.

The objective of this Rule is to amend the definition of 'vehicle identification number' (VIN). This is a consequence of the transfer of requirements relating to the assigning and affixing of VINs from the *Traffic Regulations 1976* to *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance Amendment 2005* and the updating of those requirements.

## Extent of consultation

For the purposes of consultation, a number of amendments proposed to *Land Transport Rule: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages 2002* and 12 other Land Transport Rules were combined into a single draft Rule, *Land Transport Rule: Omnibus Amendment 2005* (the Omnibus Amendment Rule). The changes proposed were intended mainly to convert remaining provisions in the *Traffic Regulations 1976* to Rules, to update vehicle standards, to delete redundant provisions and clarify provisions and to correct some errors in Rules.

On 1 April 2005, Land Transport New Zealand (Land Transport NZ) sent a letter containing the Rule amendment proposals to about 2200 groups and individuals who had registered an interest in the Rules to be amended, and sought submissions on the proposed changes. The draft Omnibus Amendment Rule was made available through the Land Transport NZ Help Desk and was available together with Questions and Answers on the Land Transport NZ website. The availability of the draft was publicised in five metropolitan daily newspapers, *Te Karere National News* and the *New Zealand Gazette*. Land Transport NZ received 33 submissions on the draft Omnibus Amendment Rule, of which eight commented

on the proposed amendments relating to vehicle identification numbers.

Following consultation, the provisions in the draft Omnibus Amendment Rule were split into separate amendment Rules, including this Rule. The submissions that were received were taken into account in drafting the amendment Rules before the Rules were submitted to the Minister for Transport Safety for signing.

### **Material incorporated by reference**

Documents that are ‘incorporated by reference’ in this Rule are available, on request, for inspection (free of charge) at the National Office of Land Transport NZ. Contact details for Land Transport NZ are listed at the front of this Rule.





## **Section 1                      Application**

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### **1.1                                      Title**

1.1(1)                                      This Rule is *Land Transport Rule: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages Amendment 2005*.

1.1(2)                                      In this Rule, *Land Transport Rule: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages 2002* is called ‘the principal Rule’.

### **1.2                                      Date when Rule comes into force**

This Rule comes into force on 1 April 2006.

## **Section 2                                      Amendment to definition**

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### **2.1                                      Substitution of definition**

*Part 2* of the principal Rule is amended by revoking the definition of **Vehicle identification number**, and substituting the following definition:

“**Vehicle identification number (VIN)** means a group of letters and numbers, consisting of 17 characters, that is affixed to the vehicle and that complies with the requirements of one of the following:

“(a) *ISO 3779*; or

“(b) *Australian Design Rule 61/01*; or

“(c) Chapter 565 of the *Code of Federal Regulations 49*.”