



Ministry of **Transport**
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WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

PURSUANT to sections 152 and 155(a) and (b) of the Land Transport Act 1998


I, **Steven Joyce**, Minister of Transport,

HEREBY make the following ordinary rule:

Land Transport Rule: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages Amendment

SIGNED AT Wellington

This *18th* day of *APRIL* 2009


Steven Joyce
Minister of Transport

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Objective of the Rule

Land Transport Rule: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages Amendment 2009 amends *Land Transport Rule: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages 2002* (the Rule), which states the seating positions in which seatbelts must be fitted in motor vehicles operating on New Zealand roads, and the types of seatbelt that must be fitted. The Rule specifies standards with which seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages must comply.

The objectives of this amendment Rule are:

- to correct an omission from the application provisions of the Rule, by adding vehicles that were registered as new vehicles in New Zealand between 1 January 1991 and 1 April 2002;
- to clarify that both lap seatbelts, and lap and diagonal seatbelts, are acceptable for fitting in motorhomes.

Extent of consultation

For the purposes of consultation, amendments proposed to *Land Transport Rule: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages 2002* and 11 other Land Transport Rules were combined into a single draft Rule, *Land Transport Rule: Omnibus Amendment 2008* (the Omnibus Amendment Rule).

On 19 August 2008, the NZ Transport Agency sent details of the proposed amendments by letter or email to about 1500 groups and individuals who had registered an interest in the Rules to be amended. The draft Omnibus Amendment Rule was made available through the NZTA Contact Centre and, together with Questions and Answers, was available on the NZTA website. The availability of the draft for comment was publicised in the metropolitan daily newspapers in Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin and in the *New Zealand Gazette*. The NZTA received 24 submissions on the draft Omnibus Amendment Rule, of which 10 commented on the proposed requirements relating to this Rule.

Following consultation, the provisions in the draft Omnibus Amendment Rule were split into 12 separate amendment Rules, including this Rule. The submissions that were received were taken into account in drafting this amendment Rule before it was submitted to the Minister of Transport for signing.

Section 1 Application

1.1 Title

1.1(1) This Rule is *Land Transport Rule: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages Amendment 2009*.

1.1(2) This Rule amends *Land Transport Rule: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages 2002*.

1.2 Date when Rule comes into force

This Rule comes into force on 7 May 2009.

Section 2 Amendments to Rule requirements

2.1 Application of tables

Paragraph 2.1(5)(c) is amended by inserting the following subparagraph:

“(iii) first registered in New Zealand on or after 1 January 1991 and before 1 April 2002 that was not previously registered in any other country.”

2.2 Motorhomes

Paragraph 3.2(3)(b) is amended by inserting the words “or lap and diagonal” after the word “lap”.

Section 3 Amendments to Schedules

3.1 Amendment to Schedule 1

Schedule 1 is amended by substituting the following flowchart for *Flowchart 1*:

Flowchart 1: Vehicles first registered in New Zealand before the Rule comes into force

