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

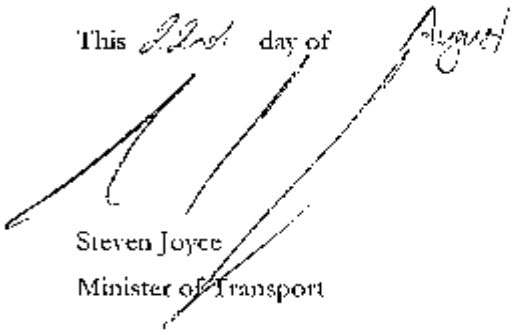
I, Steven Joyce, Minister of Transport,

HEREBY make the following ordinary Rule:

Land Transport Rule: Steering Systems Amendment

SIGNED AT Wellington

This 22nd day of August 2011



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Objective of the Rule

Land Transport Rule: Steering Systems Amendment 2011 amends *Land Transport Rule: Steering Systems 2001* ('the Rule'). The Rule specifies requirements for the design, construction and maintenance of steering systems in motor vehicles. Its aims are to ensure that steering systems provide safe and sensitive control of a motor vehicle, and to minimise injury to the driver, who might come into contact with steering systems or components in a crash.

The objective of the amendment Rule is:

- to increase the speed capability threshold from 30 km/h to 50 km/h above which vehicles that do not have a direct mechanical connection between the steering wheel and the road wheels (including tractors with an hydraulic steering system) must have an additional steering system;

- to update the description in the Rule of a 'Category E' motor vehicle (that is, a vehicle that is exempt from registration and licensing).

Extent of consultation

For the purposes of consultation, amendments proposed to *Land Transport Rule: Steering Systems 2001* and 10 other Land Transport Rules were combined into a single draft Rule, *Land Transport Rule: Omnibus Amendment 2011* (the draft Omnibus Amendment Rule).

On 1 June 2011, the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) sent details of the amendment proposals by letter or email to approximately 2200 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 also made available on the NZTA's website. The availability of the draft for comment was publicised in the daily newspapers in Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin and in the *New Zealand Gazette*. The NZTA received 17 submissions on the draft Omnibus Amendment Rule, of which 11 commented on the proposed amendments to the Rule.

Following consultation, the provisions in the draft Omnibus Amendment Rule were split into 11 separate amendment Rules, including this Rule. The submissions that were received were taken into account in finalising this amendment Rule before it was submitted to the Minister of Transport for signing.

Section 1 Application

1.1 Title

This Rule is *Land Transport Rule: Steering Systems Amendment 2011*.

1.2 Date when Rule comes into force

This Rule comes into force on 1 October 2011.

1.3 Scope of Rule

This Rule amends *Land Transport Rule: Steering Systems 2001*.

Section 2 Amendment to Rule requirements

2.1 Additional requirements for indirect steering systems

Clause 2.4 is amended by substituting "50 km/h" for "30 km/h".

Section 3 Amendment to Schedule

3.1 Schedule to be amended

Part 1 of *Part 3 Schedule* is amended by substituting the following for the item relating to "Category E: Vehicles exempt from registration and licensing":

"**Category E: Vehicles exempt from registration and licensing**

"Any motor vehicle that is exempt from registration and licensing under regulations made under Part 17 of the *Land Transport Act 1998*.

"Conditions:

"None."