

INTERIM AMENDMENT – effective 1 March 2018

Issued: February 2018

Affects: VIRM: In-service certification (CoF only)

Heavy vehicle modifications

This interim amendment is to notify inspection changes to:

- [Heavy vehicles: 3-1 Structure](#)
- [Heavy trailers: 3-1 Structure](#)

Summary

Following feedback, we are removing the requirement for the vehicle inspector to make sure that a heavy vehicle modification (if carried out before 1 April 2005) is 'clearly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions', and to instead make sure that the modification does not impose a clear safety risk. This change has been made to simplify the process for vehicle inspectors.

Additionally, we are also advising that imported Japanese-market vehicles with tipper bodies and tail lifts that are mounted on to a sub frame do not require HVS certification, provided they were registered in Japan with that configuration.

VIRM changes

As result of the above, the current text in *Table 3-1-2. Requirements for HVS certification* should be read as follows:

Table 3-1-2 Requirements for HVS certification

HVS certification is required	HVS certification is not required
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. No changes2. No changes3. No changes4. Modifications carried out on or after 1 April 2005 that affect the chassis, including fitting of a hoist, crane, tipping body or other special equipment which may result in increased stress to a localised area of the chassis or significant redistribution of the load over the chassis as determined by an HVS certifier. (Note 6) (Note 7) <p>For modifications carried out before 1 April 2005 it is up to the vehicle inspector to determine if certification is required. Individual certification is only required when the vehicle inspector determines, on reasonable grounds, that the component presents a safety risk.</p>	No changes

Note 7

Any Japanese-market imported used vehicle that has had a tipper body or tail lift that mounted onto a sub frame does not require HVS certification, provided the vehicle inspector is satisfied that the vehicle was registered in Japan in that configuration. This applies to all makes of vehicle. The vehicle and body should be free from damage, repairs or modifications when presented.

These changes are effective from **1 March 2018** and will be incorporated into the **VIRM: In-service certification** in the May 2018 amendment.