

VIRM: In-service certification amendment

Effective from 14 October 2026

September 2026

Introduction

3-3 Establishing whether the vehicle requires a WoF or CoF

Wording updated to properly align with the Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002.

3.3.3 Vehicles that do not require a WoF or CoF

The vehicles listed in the table below do not require a WoF or CoF:

g) a tractor (~~other than an agricultural tractor~~), or a machine used solely in non-agricultural; land management or roading operations, whether for traction or otherwise, that is not operated at a speed exceeding 30km/h, together with any trailer operated only while being towed by that tractor or machine

Motorcycles

9-1 Steering and suspension systems

This change clarifies that aftermarket bars should remain unmodified by removing the words 'head stock' and adding 'steering stem or triple tree assembly' (to clarify which parts shouldn't be modified).

Table 9-1-1. Modifications that do not require LVV certification

Fitting of or modification to:	LVV certification is not required provided that:
Handle bars	- the handle bar is an unmodified direct substitution fitted without head-stock steering stem or triple-clamp assembly modification, and - the handlebar is a non-OE item of a reputable brand or an OE item from another motorcycle, and - the substitution does not affect an airbag.

Heavy vehicles

8-1 Service brake and parking brake

New label (from April 2026)

**WARNING**

This vehicle has a cardan shaft park brake.

Please use, service and test it correctly to reduce the risk of the vehicle rolling away.

- **Apply the brake firmly** – use extra force if you're on a slope or about to load the vehicle. Check the vehicle's manual.
- **Use wheel chocks on slopes.** Take extra care with loading and unloading.



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Original label

**WARNING**

This vehicle is fitted with a Cardan shaft park brake.

It can roll away when parked on a slope, especially when the load is changing. On slopes, use wheel chocks as a precaution. The brake lever may require a lot of force, make sure it is engaged to the manufacturer's recommended setting.

If in doubt, don't risk it!

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Chocks should be 25% of the diameter of your tyre





We strongly encourage use of the new label (left), however the original label (right) still meets the CoF requirement.

Please order the new label – it's available free from our supplier Bluestar (Product code: TA5116).

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