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14-4 Cab-guards, headboards, sideboards and tailboards

Reasons for rejection

Mandatory equipment

1. A logging truck is not fitted with a cab guard, or the cab guard:
 - a) is not attached to the chassis, or
 - b) is not at least as wide and as high as the cab, or
 - c) has apertures that could allow any forward-moving logs to pass through the cab guard.

Condition

2. A cab guard on a logging truck, or a headboard, sideboard or tailboard:
 - a) is not securely attached, or
 - b) has a fastener that is missing or loose, or
 - c) is cracked or significantly distorted or corroded.

Note 1 Definitions

Cab guard means a structure attached to a vehicle that provides protection to the cab occupants from the effects of load impact and may include a headboard.

Headboard means the substantially vertical part of the forward end of a flat-deck or curtain-sided body of a vehicle.

Sideboard means the substantially vertical part of the side of a flat-deck body of a vehicle.

Tailboard means the substantially vertical part of the rear end of a flat-deck or curtain-sided body of a vehicle.

Summary of legislation

Applicable legislation

- [Land Transport Rule: Heavy Vehicles 2004](#).

Mandatory equipment

1. A vehicle constructed for the purpose of transporting timber logs must be fitted with a cab guard that:
 - a) is attached to the chassis, and
 - b) is at least as wide and as high as the cab, and

c) does not have apertures that could allow any forward-moving logs to pass through the cab guard.

Condition

2. A cab guard on a logging truck, and its attachment to the chassis:

a) must be strong enough to withstand load impact during loading, unloading and emergency braking, and

b) must not adversely affect the strength and durability of the chassis or cause damage to the chassis during heavy load impact.

3. A headboard, sideboard or tailboard fitted to a vehicle for the purpose of restraining a load on that vehicle must be of adequate strength to withstand load forces without incurring permanent deformation.

4. A headboard, sideboard or tailboard must be fitted to a vehicle in a way that ensures that the parts of the vehicle to which it is attached are able to withstand the forces exerted by the headboard, sideboard or tailboard without incurring permanent deformation.