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4-12 Registration plate lamps

Reasons for rejection

Mandatory equipment

1. A vehicle does not comply with a requirement relating to mandatory equipment set out in the [VIRM: In-service certification, section 4-12](#)

Compliance with approved standards

2. A registration plate lamp that is required to comply with an approved registration plate lamp standard does not comply, or cannot be demonstrated to comply, with at least one of the standards listed in Table 4-12-1.

Performance

3. A registration plate lamp does not comply with a requirement relating to performance set out in the [VIRM: In-service certification, section 4-12](#)

Table 4-12-1. Approved registration plate lamp standards*



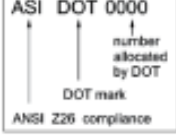

UN-ECE Regulation no.	EEC/EC Directive	FMVSS	ADR	Japan
4	76/760	108	48	JIS D5500
50	97/31		53	TS for number plate lamps Article 36

* A registration plate lamp that is required to comply with an approved registration plate lamp standard must comply with at least one of the standards listed in the table.

See also Figure 4-12-1

Figure 4-12-1. Approved registration plate lamp standard markings

The following standard markings may assist in determining compliance with approved standards.

 <p>Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)</p>	 <p>European Economic Commission (EEC)</p>	 <p>Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS)</p>	 <p>Japanese Industrial Standards</p>
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Summary of legislation

Applicable legislation

- [Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Lighting 2004](#)

Mandatory equipment

1. Vehicles must comply with the requirements relating to mandatory equipment set out in the [VIRM: In-service certification, section 4-12](#)

Compliance with approved standards

2. The registration plate lamps fitted to the following vehicles must comply with one or more of the approved registration plate lamp standards in Table 4-12-1:

- a) vehicles of group M, N, and class TC and TD manufactured on or after 1 January 1996
- b) vehicles of class LC, LD, LE, TA and TB manufactured on or after 1 January 2006.

Performance

3. Registration plate lamps must comply with the requirements relating to performance set out in the [VIRM: In-service certification, section 4-12](#)