

1 March 2016 (WoF and CoF)

VIRM: In-service certification update –

effective 1 March 2016

The 1 March 2016 VIRM amendments were issued to correct a discrepancy between *VIRM: Entry certification* with the [Land Transport Rule: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages 2002](#). However, a result of the amendment is that it immediately invalidated certain existing motorhome seatbelts, which was not the intent of the amendment.

As a result of the repercussions, the Transport Agency is working to effect a Rule change that will clarify the intent of the Rule and not disadvantage owners of existing motorhomes. In the meantime, please refer to the modified VIRM amendments, which will be retroactively effective 1 March 2016.

Section	Change description
Introduction	
7 Definitions and abbreviations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KSDP definition added.
General vehicles	
7-5 Seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification of motorhome seatbelt requirements for rear seating positions. Content corrected in 11 March 2016 amendment.
Heavy vehicles	
7-5 Seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition of motorhome seatbelt requirements for heavy vehicles. Content corrected in 11 March 2016 amendment. • TSDA changes to ‘certifier’.
Light passenger service vehicles	
7-5 Seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification of motorhome seatbelt requirements for rear seating positions. Content corrected in 11 March 2016 amendment.
Heavy trailers	
8-3 Drawbar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Rfr 10 f) regarding inspection of bolt-in-towing eyes. <p>It is vitally important that there be no re-tightening of this component should there be any movement detected as this can cause failure and result in the trailer separating from the towing vehicle.</p>
Technical bulletins (general)	
11 Electronic stability control identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic stability control dashboard acronyms added.