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Vehicle inspection requirements manual references

This bulletin gives guidance to vehicle inspectors in applying the following requirements in the *VIRM: Entry certification*:

- [Brakes – 8-1 Service brake and park brake](#)

Application

Under [Land Transport Rule: Heavy Vehicle Brakes 2006](#), when a heavy powered vehicle undergoes entry-level certification in New Zealand, proof that the vehicle was manufactured to meet an approved brakes standard may be required.

This technical bulletin applies to all class MD3, MD4, ME, NB and NC vehicles being certified for entry into New Zealand that are required to meet approved brakes standards.

Any one of the following methods may be used to prove a vehicle was manufactured to meet approved brake standards.

Acceptable proof of brakes rule compliance for new or used vehicles manufactured for the Japanese market

1. A vehicle manufactured in Japan for the Japanese market on or after 1 July 2000, but not previously registered in Japan, an original completion inspection certificate

Example: See [Reference material 23](#), or

2. A vehicle manufactured in Japan for the Japanese market and previously registered in Japan on or after 1 July 2000, an original Japanese de-registration, export or detailed registration history certificate

Example: See [Reference material 20](#), [21](#), [22](#) and [24](#)

Note These vehicles will meet Japanese Technical Standards.

Acceptable proof of brakes rule compliance for new or used vehicles manufactured for the Australian market

An ADR compliance plate on a vehicle manufactured on or after 1 July 1979. **Note:** If the ADR plate lists individual rules, ADR 35 must be listed for proof of compliance.

Example: See [Reference material 32](#)

Acceptable proof of brakes rule compliance for new or used vehicles manufactured for the European market

1. An EC whole vehicle approval plate

Example: See [Reference material 29](#), or

2. A UN/ECE compliance plate listing an approved brakes standard

Example: See [Reference material 28](#), or

3. A statement of compliance that lists UN/ECE13 as the approved brake standard.

- **Note the SoC must be filled out as per [Reference material 19](#) and it must list the Electronic Stability Control standard.**
 - ME class buses designed for standees are exempt the ESC requirement.
 - NC class trucks with 4 or more axles and a GVM of more than 21 tonnes and a tyre size of more than 19.5" are exempt the ESC requirement.

Acceptable proof of brakes rule compliance for used vehicles manufactured for the United Kingdom (UK) market

A vehicle manufactured for the UK market and previously registered in the UK on or after 1 May 2002 is compliant. A UK registration certification will show the date of first registration.

Example: See [Reference material 59](#)

A vehicle manufactured for the UK after 2021 and a vehicle registered in the UK after 2021 may be type approved to the new (post-Brexit) UK type approval system. Any whole of vehicle type approval number on a document or vehicle plate where *gxx* or Gxx* is used will prove compliance with ECE 13 brake standards.

Acceptable proof of brakes compliance for new or used vehicles manufactured for the US market

1. Original documents confirming the vehicle was manufactured for the US market and would be permitted for use on public roads in the US, and a Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) plate or label affixed to the vehicle

Example: See [Reference material 30](#) and [31](#), or

2. An FMVSS plate or label affixed to a vehicle with air brakes manufactured on or after 1 January 1975, or a vehicle with hydraulic brakes manufactured on or after 1 September 1983, or a vehicle with electric brakes manufactured on or after 1 November 1997, and original documents confirming the vehicle was first registered in the US

Example: See [Reference material 30](#)

Acceptable proof of brakes rule compliance for new or used vehicles manufactured anywhere

1. The [vehicle make and model listed here](#) as distributed by the Motor Industry Association of New Zealand (MIA) and sold through its franchise dealer network, or

2. A statement of compliance including an approved brakes standard.

Example: See [Reference material 19](#)

- **Note the SoC must be filled out as per [Reference material 19](#) and it must list the Electronic Stability Control standard.**
 - ME class buses designed for standees are exempt the ESC requirement.
 - NC class trucks with 4 or more axles and a GVM of more than 21 tonnes and a tyre size of more than 19.5" are exempt the ESC requirement.

Action

The appropriate brakes standard code must be entered into the standards code field in the ILOAD screen on LANDATA (refer to ILOAD screen pages in section 3 of the [LATIS agents' manual](#)).

If the vehicle does not have evidence of compliance with an approved brakes standard, the entry inspector must fail the vehicle and refer the vehicle owner to the Transport Agency (phone 0800 699 000; mail PO Box 5084, Wellington 6145) for further advice.

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