

1 March 2016

VIRM: Entry certification update – effective 1 March 2016

List of changes

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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 |
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| Introduction | |
| <u>9 Definitions and abbreviations</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KSDP definition added • Motorhome definition added. |
| Inspection and certification | |
| <u>8-1 Service brake and park brake</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Rfr 3: used class MC vehicles (four-wheel-drive SUVs and off-road vehicles) inspected at the border from 1 March 2016 must have ESC fitted. Note that from 1 July 2015 new class MC (and MA, MB, NA) that are first certified for entry into service in New Zealand must have electronic stability control fitted (introduced in 1 July 2015 amendment). |
| Technical bulletins | |
| <u>24 Recording the number of seats for self-propelled motorhomes</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifications to seatbelt requirements in motorhomes with examples also included. Content corrected in <u>11 March 2016 amendment</u>. |
| <u>37 Electronic stability control identification</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic stability control dashboard acronyms added. |