

'Maintaining the Edge'

The New Zealand Approach

Government Initiatives - Policy

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Government Initiatives

- Heavy Vehicles Rule
- Heavy-vehicle Brakes Rule
- Vehicle Lighting Rule
- Vehicle Exhaust Emissions Rule
- Testing of HV Brakes Pads

Approach to Rules

- “Safety at reasonable cost”
- Accept ‘smorgasbord’ of international standards
- Roll-over of existing legal provisions except where real safety problems exist
- Exemptions from previous regulations ‘grandfathered’

Approach to Rules

- Most provisions generally not retrospective
- Consolidate and clarify existing requirements (regulations, codes)
- Discontinue or relax alternative requirements where no safety concerns exist

Heavy Vehicles Rule

- Wash-up rule
- Addresses concerns over:
 - Electrical requirements
 - Equipment locking devices
 - TTMF-coded drawbeams and drawbars

Heavy Vehicles Rule

- Consultation completed in 2003
- Currently with Minister for signing
- Expected to come into force December 2004

Heavy Vehicles Rule

- Two retrospective requirements:
 - drawbeams and drawbars certified to TTMF code are to be re-certified to a new standard (NZ 5446) or replaced
 - warning devices to be retrofitted to vehicles with specialist equipment

Heavy-vehicle Brakes Rule

- Covers braking systems for heavy vehicles and addresses safety concerns over:
 - brake incompatibility in combination vehicles
 - COF brake testing

HV Brake Problems

- B-trains
- Truck-and-trailer combinations
- Lightly laden vehicles
- Problems with heavily laden vehicles

Heavy-vehicle Brakes Rule

- Public consultation phase till September
- Invitation to attend regional meetings
- Comes into force in 2005/6

Vehicle Lighting Rule

- Addresses lighting for all vehicles
- Ensures all essential safety lamps meet fitting and component standards
- Ensures all optional (e.g. fog-lamps worklamps) lamps meet fitting standards

Vehicle Lighting Rule

- With the Minister prior to signing
- Expected to come into effect in February 2005
 - at the same time as the Road User Rule, Traffic Control Devices, Vehicle Equipment Rule

Vehicle Exhaust Emissions Rule

- Policy work expected to start later this year (led by the MoT)
- Border screening and in-service testing
- Evaluation programme to completed end 2004
- Public consultation in mid-2005
- Rule implementation expected in 2006

Rules Information

For published rules:

<http://www.ltsa.govt.nz/rules/index.html>

For rules in progress:

<http://www.ltsa.govt.nz/rules/progress.html>

Testing of HV Brake Pads

- Important to ensure pads sold in NZ meet required standards
- Samples what is available for sale in NZ
- Tested undertaken by Greenings test laboratory, Detroit
- Begins 2005