

Operator Safety Rating Rule IRTENZ August 2006

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Background



- 1996 Select Committee Inquiry into Truck Crashes:
 - Establish a database of operator performance
 - Target the irresponsible operators
- Follow up by Select Committee & Auditor General



Background

- Industry support and concern about lack of progress
- Land Transport Amendment Act
 2005 empowers an Operator Safety
 Rating Rule



Operator Rating System

- Tool for improving performance within transport industry
- Links transport service 'events' and operators
- Rates operators according to their performance



What's collected now?

- Information from:
 - Certificate of Fitness inspections
 - roadside vehicle inspections
 - operator audits
 - transport operator details
 - heavy motor vehicle crashes
 - Road User Charges purchases
 - Operator and driver offences.





What will be possible?

- Roadside enforcement targeted to where it is needed.
- More effective regulatory management and advice.
- Incentives available for excellent performance.
- Published operator ratings.



Five good reasons why

- Road safety goals.
- Level playing field.
- Recognising industry performers.
- Informed customer choice.
- Evidence-based decision making.



Safety Benefits

- Benefit cost ratio of 2.2:1 due to
 - Increased identification of defects and breaches that contribute to crashes
 - Promoting compliance

Note: Benefit cost ratio increases to 5.2:1 if industry early repair costs are excluded.



Developing the system

- Must be done in partnership with industry and Police
- Three-year project including:
 - developing Operator Safety Rating Rule
 - designing, building & testing the system
 - Memorandum of Understanding with Police
 - performance standards.



What happens next?



- Operator Safety Rating Rule 'Yellow Draft' – expected first quarter 2007.
- Consultation with industry at national and local level.
- Working with industry on issues identified from consultation process.



Future possibilities

- Link to emergent intelligent transport systems
- Integration with enforcement technologies



What about the detail?

- Detail will come as the system is designed, built and tested.
- This will be done with industry involvement.
- Committed to testing and getting it right – will take time.
- Will keep industry well informed.



What can operators do now?

- Information being collected now will feed into Operator Rating System.
- Operators can act **now** to improve their future rating.
- Land Transport NZ advisers and industry organisations can help with performance now.



Thank you!



- More information coming with release of the yellow draft rule
- Register your interest at:

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