



## **Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule) Safer Freight Vehicles Amendment No. 2 2023**

I, CATHERINE KING, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, make the following determination.

Dated 14 September 2023

[SIGNED]

Catherine King

Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

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**1. NAME**

- 1.1. This instrument is the Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule) Safer Freight Vehicles Amendment No. 2 2023.

**2. COMMENCEMENT**

- 2.1. This instrument commences on 1 October 2023.

**3. AUTHORITY**

- 3.1. This instrument is made under section 12 of the *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018*.

**4. SCHEDULES**

- 4.1. Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

## **SCHEDULE 1 – AMENDMENTS**

### **Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 13/00 – Installation of Lighting and Light Signalling Devices on other than L-Group Vehicles) 2005**

[1] Clause 10.14.1, amend to read:

“10.14.1. For motor vehicles with an ‘*Overall Width*’ not exceeding 2,500 mm and for trailers, in paragraph 6.21.1.2 of Appendix A of this standard, where it states Mandatory read Optional.”

**SCHEDULE 2 – AMENDMENTS****Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 43/04 – Vehicle Configuration and Dimensions) 2006**

[1] Clause 6.1.5.1, amend to read:

“6.1.5.1. The ‘*Overall Width*’ of a category MA, MB, MC, MD, ME, NA or sub-category NB1 vehicle must not exceed 2,500 mm.”

[2] Clauses 6.1.5.2 to 6.1.5.2.3, renumber as clauses 6.1.5.3 to 6.1.5.3.3.

[3] Insert a new clause 6.1.5.2 to read:

“6.1.5.2. The ‘*Overall Width*’ of a sub-category NB2 or category NC vehicle must not exceed 2,550 mm.

[4] Insert a new clause 6.1.5.2.1 to read:

“6.1.5.2.1 Sub-category NB2 and category NC vehicles with an ‘*Overall Width*’ exceeding 2,500 mm must comply with:

- (a) the Australian Design Rule 14/03 – Devices for Indirect Vision, or a later version;
- (b) the Australian Design Rule 35/07 – Commercial Vehicle Brake Systems, or a later version;
- (c) except for vehicles with four or more ‘*Axles*’ and vehicles ‘designed for off-road use’ (see note below), the Australian Design Rule 97/00 – Advanced Emergency Braking for Omnibuses, and Medium and Heavy Goods Vehicles, or a later version; and
- (d) except for vehicles with four or more ‘*Axles*’ and vehicles ‘designed for off-road use’ (see note below), the Australian Design Rule 99/00 – Lane Departure Warning Systems, or a later version.

Note: For the definition of ‘designed for off-road use’ see ADR 97/00 and ADR 99/00 (as applicable).”

[5] Insert a new clause 6.1.5.2.2 to read:

“6.1.5.2.2 Sub-category NB2 and category NC vehicles with an ‘*Overall Width*’ exceeding 2,500 mm must also, with the exception of ‘*Partially Completed Vehicles*’ and ‘*Prime Movers*’:

- (a) comply with the Australian Design Rule 106/00 – Side Underrun Protection, or a later version;
- (b) be fitted with conspicuity markings to the rear, in accordance with the Australian Design Rule 13/00 – Installation of Lighting and Light Signalling Devices on other than L-Group Vehicles, or a later version; and
- (c) if more than 6,000 mm in ‘*Total Length*’, be fitted with conspicuity markings to both sides, in accordance with the Australian Design Rule 13/00 – Installation of Lighting and Light Signalling Devices on other than L-Group Vehicles, or a later version.”

[6] Insert a new clause 6.1.5.2.3 to read:

“6.1.5.2.3 Sub-category NB2 and category NC vehicles with a ‘*Gross Vehicle Mass*’ over 8 tonnes and with an ‘*Overall Width*’ exceeding 2,500 mm, must also comply with the the Australian Design Rule 105/00 – Blind Spot Information Systems, or a later version, from 1 November 2025 for new model vehicles, and 1 February 2027 for all vehicles.”