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Land Transport Rule Tyres and Wheels Amendment [(No 2) 2009]

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Section 1 Application

1.1 Title

1.1(1) This Rule is *Land Transport Rule: Tyres and Wheels Amendment (No 2) 2009*.

1.1(2) This Rule amends *Land Transport Rule: Tyres and Wheels 2001*.

1.2 Date when Rule comes into force

This Rule comes into force on [Date].

Section 2 Amendments to Rule requirements

2.1 Clause 2.3 General safety requirements for tyres

Clause 2.3 is amended by:

(a) inserting the following subclauses after *subclause 2.3(5)*:

“2.3(5A) Despite 2.3(5), a radial-ply, heavy vehicle tyre may have visible cords in the tread area.

“2.3(5B) In assessing whether a tyre in 2.3(5A) is in a safe condition, a vehicle inspector or inspecting organisation may take into account written evidence from a person who:

“(a) has specialist tyre knowledge and experience, particularly in tyre inspection; and

“(b) is employed by a retailer of heavy vehicle tyres to work with heavy vehicle fleets.”;

(b) inserting the following subclause after *subclause 2.3(7)*:

“2.3(7A) If fitted to a Class MA, MB, MC, MD1, MD2 or NA vehicle, winter tyres must be fitted to all of the vehicle’s road wheels.”;

(c) deleting *subclauses 2.3(10)* and *2.3(11)*.

2.2 Clause 2.6 Spare tyres

2.2(1) *Clause 2.6(3)* is amended by deleting the words “, approved by the Agency,”.

2.2(2) *Clause 2.6(5)* is revoked.

Section 3 Amendments to definitions

3.1 Amendments to definitions

Part 2 is amended by inserting the following definition in the appropriate place:

“**Winter tyre**

- “(a) means a tyre principally designed to be operated at temperatures below 7°C; and
- “(b) includes any tyre marked in the sidewall with a symbol depicting a snowflake and a mountain.”