

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

PURSUANT to sections 152 and 155(a) and (b) of the Land Transport Act 1998

I, Simon Bridges, Associate Minister of Transport,

HEREBY make the following ordinary Rule:

Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Equipment Amendment

SIGNED AT Wellington

This 25th day of September 2012



Simon Bridges

Associate Minister of Transport

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Objective of the Rule

Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Equipment Amendment 2012 amends *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Equipment 2004* (‘the Vehicle Equipment Rule’). The Vehicle Equipment Rule sets out safety and maintenance requirements for the following equipment fitted to motor vehicles: warning devices, speedometers, sun visors, mudguards, footrests on motorcycles and mopeds, child restraints, televisions, fuel tanks and fuel lines.

The objective of the amendment Rule is to:

- enable medical response vehicles operated by the New Zealand Defence Force to be fitted with sirens; and
- update the definition of ‘Defence Force emergency vehicle’ in the Rule with the current name of the Force Protection Branch of the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

Extent of consultation

For the purposes of consultation, the amendments proposed to the Vehicle Equipment Rule and nine other Land Transport Rules were combined into a single Rule, *Land Transport Rule: Omnibus Amendment 2012* (the Omnibus Amendment Rule).

On 17 May 2012, the NZ Transport Agency sent details of the amendment proposals by letter or email to approximately 2500 groups and individuals who had registered an interest in the Rules to be amended. The Omnibus Amendment Rule was made available through the NZ Transport Agency’s Contact Centre and, together with Questions and Answers, was also made available on the NZ Transport Agency’s website. The availability of the amendment proposals for comment was publicised in the daily newspapers in Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin and in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

The NZ Transport Agency received 27 submissions on the Omnibus Amendment Rule, of which ten commented on the proposed amendment to the Vehicle Equipment Rule.

Following consultation, the provisions in the Omnibus Amendment Rule were split into 10 separate amendment Rules, including this Rule. The submissions that were received were taken into account in finalising this Rule before it was submitted to the Associate Minister of Transport for signing.

Section 1 Application

1.1 Title

This Rule is *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Equipment Amendment 2012*.

1.2 Commencement

This Rule comes into force on 1 November 2012.

1.3 Scope of Rule

This Rule amends *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Equipment 2004*.

Section 2 Amendment to Definitions

2.1 Replacement of definition

In *Part 2 Definitions*, replace the definition of ‘Defence Force emergency vehicle’, with:

“**Defence Force emergency vehicle** means a vehicle that is:

- “(a) operated by the Royal New Zealand Navy Naval Police, the New Zealand Army Military Police, or the Force Protection Branch of the Royal New Zealand Air Force; or
- “(b) an improvised explosive device disposal (IEDD) response vehicle; or
- “(c) a medical response vehicle operated by the New Zealand Defence Force”.