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WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

PURSUANT to Section 155(b) of the Land Transport Act 1998

I, Harry James Duynhoven, Minister for Transport Safety,

HEREBY make the following ordinary rule:

Land Transport Rule: Glazing, Windscreen Wipe and Wash, and Mirrors
Amendment

SIGNED AT Wellington

This day of 2007

Harry James Duynhoven
Minister for Transport Safety

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Objective of the Rule

Land Transport Rule: Glazing, Windscreen Wipe and Wash, and Mirrors Amendment 2007 amends *Land Transport Rule: Glazing, Windscreen Wipe and Wash, and Mirrors 1999*, which sets out fitting requirements and standards for glazing, windscreen wipe systems and windscreen wash systems, and rear-view mirrors.

The objectives of this amendment to *Land Transport Rule: Glazing, Windscreen Wipe and Wash, and Mirrors 1999* are:

- to remove the requirement for agricultural vehicles to have a laminated windscreen;
- to clarify that scratches or other defects, discoloration of a laminated windscreen or bubbling or other defects in overlays must not unreasonably impair a driver's vision;
- to update terminology so that it is consistent with *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002*;
- to amend definitions.

Extent of consultation

For the purposes of consultation, a number of relatively minor amendments proposed to *Land Transport Rule: Glazing, Windscreen Wipe and Wash, and Mirrors 1999* and 10 other Land Transport Rules were combined into a single draft Rule, *Land Transport Rule: Omnibus Amendment 2006* (the Omnibus Amendment Rule). The main purpose of the changes proposed by the Omnibus Amendment Rule was to clarify provisions and correct some errors in Rules.

On 28 June 2006, Land Transport New Zealand sent a letter containing the Rule amendment proposals to about 2200 groups and individuals who had registered an interest in the Rules to be amended, and sought submissions on the proposed changes. The draft Omnibus Amendment Rule was made available through the Land Transport NZ Help Desk and was available together with Questions and Answers on the Land Transport NZ website. The

availability of the draft was publicised in the five metropolitan daily newspapers and in selected regional daily newspapers, *Te Karere National News* and the *New Zealand Gazette*. Land Transport NZ received 50 submissions on the draft Omnibus Amendment Rule, of which five commented on the proposed requirements relating to this Rule.

Following consultation, the provisions in the draft Omnibus Amendment Rule were split into 11 separate amendment Rules, including this Rule. The submissions that were received were taken into account in drafting this amendment Rule before it was submitted to the Minister for Transport Safety for signing.

Section 1 Application

1.1 Title

1.1(1) This Rule is *Land Transport Rule: Glazing, Windscreen Wipe and Wash, and Mirrors Amendment 2007*.

1.1(2) This Rule amends *Land Transport Rule: Glazing, Windscreen Wipe and Wash, and Mirrors 1999*.

1.2 Date when Rule comes into force

This Rule comes into force on the 29 June 2007.

Section 2 Amendments relating to glazing, windscreen wipe and wash, and mirrors

2.1 Application of Rule provisions

Subclause 1.4(4) is amended by omitting “1998” in both places where it appears and substituting in each case “2002”.

2.2 General safety requirements

2.2(1) *Paragraph 2.2(1)(d)* is amended by inserting “the driver’s” after “impair”.

2.2(2) *Subclause 2.2(1)* is amended by revoking *paragraph (e)* and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(e) a laminated windscreen must not show signs of discoloration that could unreasonably impair the driver’s vision through the glazing; and

“(ea) overlays must not have any bubbling or other defects that could unreasonably impair the driver’s vision through the glazing; and”.

2.3 Requirements for windscreens

Table 2.1 is amended by inserting “(other than windscreens for agricultural vehicles)” after “laminated” in the third column opposite the item relating to “Motor vehicles not in *Table A*”.

2.4 Modifications

2.4(1) *Paragraph 3.1(3)(b)* is amended by omitting “1998” and substituting “2002”.

2.4(2) *Subclause 3.1(4)* is amended by omitting “1998” and substituting “2002”.

2.5 Retrofitting of windscreen wipe systems or windscreen wash systems

Clause 4.5 is amended by omitting “1998” and substituting “2002”.

2.6 Compliance with requirements

Subclause 5.4(5) is amended by omitting “vehicle compliance certifier” and substituting “vehicle inspector or inspecting organisation”.

2.7 Fitting additional rear-view mirrors

Subclause 5.5(3) is amended by omitting “1998” and substituting “2002”.

2.8 Responsibilities of certifiers

Section 7 is amended by revoking *clause 7.4* and substituting the following heading and clause:

“7.4 Responsibilities of vehicle inspectors and inspecting organisations

“A vehicle inspector or inspecting organisation must not certify a motor vehicle under *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002* if the inspector or organisation has reason to believe that the vehicle does not comply with this Rule.”

Section 3 Amendments to definitions

3.1 Insertion of new definitions

Part 2 is amended by inserting the following definitions in their appropriate alphabetical order:

“**Inspecting organisation** has the same meaning as in *Part 2* of *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002*.”

“**Vehicle inspector** has the same meaning as in *Part 2* of *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002*.”

3.2 Substitution of definition

Part 2 is amended by revoking the definition of **certify** and substituting the following definition:

“**Certify** has the same meaning as in *Part 2* of *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002*.”

3.3 Amendment to existing definition

Part 2 is amended by omitting “Safety” from the definition of **Director**.

3.4 Revocation of definitions

The definitions of **certifier** and **year of manufacture** in *Part 2* are revoked.