

**DISALLOWABLE INSTRUMENT**



**WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND**

**PURSUANT** to sections 152 and 155 of the Land Transport Act 1998, and after having had regard to the criteria specified in section 164(2) of that Act

**I, Craig Foss**, Associate Minister of Transport, make the following ordinary Rule:

Land Transport Rule: Heavy Vehicles Amendment 2016

**SIGNED AT** Wellington

This 1<sup>st</sup> day of Nov 2016



Hon Craig Foss

Associate Minister of Transport

**Land Transport Rule**  
**Heavy Vehicles Amendment 2016**

**Rule 31002/9**

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## Objective of the Rule

**Land Transport Rule: Heavy Vehicles Amendment 2016** (the amendment Rule) amends *Land Transport Rule: Heavy Vehicles 2004* (the Heavy Vehicles Rule). The Heavy Vehicles Rule sets out requirements and standards for heavy vehicle safety.

The objective of the amendment Rule is to amend the definition of ‘twin-steer axle set’ to remove a reference to ‘tandem axle’ because a ‘twin-steer axle set’ is not a ‘tandem axle’ and because ‘tandem axle’ specifies axle spacing requirements which should not be applied to a ‘twin-steer axle set’.

## Extent of consultation

For the purposes of consultation, amendments proposed to the Heavy Vehicles Rule and 14 other Land Transport Rules were combined into a single Rule, *Land Transport Rule: Omnibus Amendment 2016* (the Omnibus Amendment Rule). Following consultation, the provisions in the Omnibus Amendment Rule were split into separate amendment Rules.

The NZ Transport Agency sent details of the amendment proposals by letter or email to approximately 3170 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 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 35 submissions on the Omnibus Amendment Rule, of which 7 commented on the proposed amendment to the Heavy Vehicles Rule.

The submissions received were taken into account in finalising the draft Rule following which it was submitted to the Associate Minister of Transport for signing.



## **Section 1      Application**

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### **1.1                      Title**

This Rule is *Land Transport Rule: Heavy Vehicles Amendment 2016*.

### **1.2                      Commencement**

This Rule comes into force on 1 December 2016.

### **1.3                      Principal Rule amended**

This Rule amends *Land Transport Rule: Heavy Vehicles 2004*.

## **Section 2      Amendment to Part 2**

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### **2.1                      Amendment to Part 2**

2.1(1)                      In *Part 2, Definitions*, the definition of ‘**Twin-steer axle set**’, replace “a tandem axle set” with “an axle set of two axles”.