



Introduction

The Federal Government Second Stage Manufacture scheme enables a new vehicle that has not been used in road transport or supplied to the market to be modified prior to registration. The primary vehicle involved in the Second Stage Manufacture (SSM) scheme is fitted with a second Australian Compliance Plate with vehicle specifications and identity referring to the Second Stage Compliance approval.

For example a new unregistered light vehicle cab chassis (Toyota Hilux) supplied to a second stage manufacture (Happy Campers Pty Ltd) receives a camper body and supporting suspension changes to that specified in a Second Stage approval. As part of this process the vehicle is also issued with a Second Stage Compliance plate identifying it as a Happy Campers Pty Ltd Hilux with approval number 12345.

Vehicle Specifications listed in the approval 12345 now apply and not that of the primary Toyota Hilux.

For the purpose of any subsequent modification the SSM vehicle specifications apply and not the primary vehicle information.

Further information regarding SSM is available from Administrator of Vehicle Standards, Administrative Circular 0-4-6. This Circular and others may be accessed from the Federal Government, Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development website copied below.

https://infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/administrators_circulars/

Second Stage Manufacture information as a design approval.

Vehicle Registration and Standards have permitted SSM Approval information to be used as a Vehicle Standard Bulletin design approval subject to the following;

- Irrespective of the SSM approval, the specifications of the primary vehicle cannot exceed those permitted by the relevant Vehicle Standard Bulletin (VSB) modification code. Where VSB does not cater for the specific modification contact Vehicle Registration and Standards for advice.
- Acceptance of SSM approval as a design approval is subject to all of the components that are modified under the SSM process being identically modified on the in service vehicle in accordance with the SSM's

instruction, and being specific to the make, model, variant and series of vehicle that the SSM certification is applicable to. If there are any changes from this specification the certifier will need to obtain full design approval. The SSM must accurately identify substituted components via part number.

- SSM information must not to be used to increase a vehicle manufactures towing capacity of the motor vehicle. There are no provisions in Tasmanian law to allow the “towing capacity” to be changed for an in service vehicle [see Part 5 of the *Vehicle and Traffic (Vehicle Operations) Regulations 2014*], however there are provisions for manufacturers gross vehicle mass (GVM) and gross combination mass (GCM) to be changed if the vehicle is modified.
- The AVC must have permission to use the SSM by the holder of the SSM approval.
- The vehicle identity remains as the primary vehicle (original compliance plate information)

Questions?

Any further questions regarding this Special Information Bulletin should be directed to AIS Compliance on 6166 3265 or email avc@stategrowth.tas.gov.au