

# Approved Vehicle Certifiers



## Introduction

SIB 05/2016 was released in late 2016 to inform AVC's that Second Stage Manufacturer (SSM) approval information may be used as a Vehicle Standard Bulletin design approval, subject to specific requirements as described in the earlier SIB.

## Background;

Recent changes to the Federal Government's Administrative Circular 0-4-6 prevent new SSM approvals to increase the Gross Combination Mass (GCM) ratings beyond that of the original vehicle's rating. A copy of this circular is available from the link below.

[https://infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/vehicle\\_regulation/administrators\\_circulars.aspx](https://infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/vehicle_regulation/administrators_circulars.aspx)

Further to this, GCM re-ratings of in-service light vehicles to increase the value are no longer to be performed on the basis of an SSM approval.

## Actions;

An AVC certifying the increase to a light vehicle's GCM must use the appropriate Vehicle Standard Bulletin 6 modification codes such as S1 and S3 as applied via the VSBI4 provisions.

SSM approval documents and supporting technical information are not appropriate evidence to support the design approval without the requirements of codes S1 and S3 being met.

This instruction is active from the issue date of this SIB, unless with formal approval from Vehicle Standards Unit.

## Questions;

Any further questions regarding this Bulletin or the LVIM should be directed to Vehicle Standards Unit via email [vehicle.standards@stategrowth.tas.gov.au](mailto:vehicle.standards@stategrowth.tas.gov.au) or ph. 6166 3263.