



Introduction

Welcome to the 27th edition (Issue 27) of the AIS Newsletter. We know it's been a while since our last newsletter, but we have been busy in the background. We hope this will help to bring everyone up to speed on all the latest news and events.

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The Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV)

A key feature of the new Australian Government legislation is the Register of Approved Vehicles

(RAV) This publicly searchable database, lists road vehicles (identified by the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)) that have met the requirements of the RVS legislation and been approved to be provided to the Australian market, subject to jurisdiction registration requirements.

The RAV replaced the need for compliance (Identification) plates to be fitted to vehicles. From the implementation of the RVS legislation, all road vehicles must be entered on the RAV before they can be provided to the market for the first time in Australia.

Unless there is evidence the vehicle's identifier was previously registered in Australia, a vehicle must have a valid identification plate affixed to it, or be entered on the RAV, or be the subject of a valid import approval.

When in doubt, please contact Vehicle Standards Unit on 61663263 for assistance.

Supporting information – RAV

A range of Special Information Bulletins have been provided to Proprietors regarding vehicle inspections from July 2023 and the RAV.

It is vital that Vehicle Examiners are aware of the changes that impact their inspections.

Vehicle Examiners are encouraged to access these SIBs and must adapt to the changed processes.

RVSA Commencement

Vehicle Examiners must be aware that the *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018* (Cwth) has now commenced in full. This introduces changes to vehicle inspection process and where information previously on Compliance plates is to be obtained from

Special Information Bulletins (SIB) have been published and provide additional information and instruction. These are available from;

https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/vehicles_and_vehicle_inspections/information_for_ais_and_ves/newsletters

Information bulletins are also published on the Transport Tasmania website that cover a range of topics regarding registration, low ATM trailer eligibility and other operational matters. These are available from;

https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/vehicles_and_vehicle_inspections/Vehicle_information_bulletins

Trailer lights, reflector and registration plates

Lights must be permanently affixed to the vehicle. Detachable light board/s do not meet the lighting, reflector or registration plate legislative requirements of being permanently fitted to the trailer.

The trailer must also have provisions for mounting a registration (number) plate at the rear of the trailer.

However, a detachable light board may be used as a supplement to the lights permanently affixed to the trailer as required by legislation and Australian Design Rules.

AIS Contracts

22 Applicants have been successful in achieving contracts for service to conduct Type two, three, and four inspections.

Type two, three and four inspection stations can be found on our website;

https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/vehicles_and_vehicle_inspections/vehicle_inspections_ais

AIS Manuals

Examiners and Certifiers are reminded to consult the current inspection procedures manual when necessary, available on the transport website.

Access the manuals through the link at the bottom of this newsletter.

SIBs and Newsletters

Proprietors must distribute all Special Information Bulletins (SIB) and Newsletters from the AIS team to associated Vehicle Examiners (VE) or Certifiers. All VEs must read and sign the associated declarations for each SIB and newsletter.

Scheme Compliance

A number of AIS investigations into breaches of the Scheme rules has been conducted. These have resulted in Vehicle Examiner suspensions and formal warnings being issued.

AIS site audits were limited this year due to staffing changes, and available resources.

However, site and desk top audit activity has resumed and will be increased in the new year.

Incomplete or incorrectly completed inspection forms

All Vehicle Examiners must ensure they accurately fill out all vehicle inspection forms. This prevents your client being un-necessarily delayed during the Service Tasmania transaction or returning to your Station for correction.

Motorcycle Inspections

Ongoing issues exist with the registration of LAMS approved Motorcycles. For accurate registration, report the motorcycle model exactly as on the identification label, including spaces and hyphens, and specify the cc's based on the vehicle's capacity during inspections. This ensures proper matching with the LAMS Approved list for correct registration.

AIS answering machine

When AIS staff are unavailable to take your call please include your name, contact number, and a brief reason for your enquiry. This information is vital to assist you.

E-Forms

The SPV and LPV Inspection reports are live for Vehicle Examiners. Type two and three Approved Inspection Station Proprietors are encouraged to email expressions of interest to ais@stategrowth.tas.gov.au if their VEs are not using the forms. An online inspection form for heavy vehicles is in progress; more details in the next newsletter.

Transport Safety and Investigation Officers (TSIO)

Transport Safety and Investigation Officers (TSIO's) perform a wide range of functions including the education, compliance, enforcement and investigation of cars, trailers, caravans and passenger transport vehicles.

These activities are undertaken during mobile patrol duties, joint road safety operations with Tasmania Police or by way of the vehicle call-in process, directing the Registered Operator to present a particular vehicle for a General Inspection by an Approved Inspection Station (AIS) or by TSIO's.

Another function of the TSIO's is to undertake third tier Vehicle Identity Inspections on all vehicles that have been assessed as a Repairable Write Off, as part of the re-registration process. During these inspections, it has been identified on occasions where the incorrect engine number or the VIN has been recorded on the Application for Registration AA document. It is a timely reminder for all Vehicle Examiners to ensure that the VIN being recorded on the Application for Registration document is being obtained directly from the chassis rail or from an integral part of the vehicle where of monocoque construction, and that the engine number is recorded directly from the engine block.

Transport website

Please follow the below link for further information regarding Transport Tasmania.

<https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/>