

# Advice to Approved Persons

## Compliance moratorium – Vehicle code S10

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) wrote to you in August 2015 when it became aware that modification plates for S10 Concessional Livestock Loading – Vehicle Rating certification may not have been completed correctly prior to them being attached to your vehicles.

Vehicle operators were asked to check that, if they had a vehicle with a blue Queensland modification plate that included a – Concessional Livestock Loading – Vehicle rating (S10), the information supplied on the modification plate is in accordance with the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) Code of Practice for the Approval of Heavy Vehicle Modifications, section 3 – Prescribed Standards for Modifications and in the case of older vehicles, the Queensland Code of Practice- Vehicle Modifications.

The main problem appears to be that tare mass, front axle rating, rear axle group rating and the king pin load were not being included on the modification plate, but these may not be the only problems. Five sample modification plates were included in the original advice to assist operators and Authorised Persons understand the requirements.

A moratorium on the issue of defect notices for six months until 31 March 2016 for incomplete S10 modification plates was put in place to enable vehicle operators to rectify this problem.

In January 2016, TMR also advised industry participants that it was conducting a review of the Concessional Livestock Loading – Vehicle Rating Code S10 as part of an overall review of the Guidelines for Livestock Loading in Queensland Form 3 (Livestock Loading Review).

**TMR has now extended the moratorium on the issue of defect notices for incomplete S10 modification plates until finalisation of the current Livestock Loading Review, anticipated in around July 2016.**

Further advice on this matter will be provided as part of the Livestock Loading Review implementation program.

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