

South Australia

## **Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Variation Rules 2012**

under the *Road Traffic Act 1961*

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### **Part 1—Preliminary**

#### **1—Short title**

These rules may be cited as the *Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Variation Rules 2012*.

#### **2—Commencement**

These rules come into operation on the day on which they are made.

#### **3—Variation provisions**

In these rules, a provision under a heading referring to the variation of specified rules varies the rules so specified.

### **Part 2—Variation of *Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Rules 1999***

#### **4—Variation of rule 36—Rear vision mirrors—surfaces**

Rule 36(2)—delete subrule (2)

## **5—Variation of rule 41—Electrical wiring, components, connections and installations**

Rule 41(2)—delete subrule (2) and substitute:

- (2) The electrical connectors between motor vehicles and trailers, for the operation of the vehicle lights required by the Vehicle Standards, must comply with at least one of the following standards:
- Australian Standard AS 2513-1982 Electrical Connectors for Trailer Vehicles
  - International Standards Organisation ISO 1185-1997
  - Society of Automotive Engineers SAE J 560-1998
  - Australian Standard AS 4735-2003 Heavy road vehicles—Electrical connectors for articulated vehicles.

## **6—Variation of rule 125—Parts of a braking system**

Rule 125(2)—delete subrule (2) and substitute:

- (2) Each component of the braking system of a vehicle with a GVM over 4.5 tonnes must comply with the design and performance requirements of:
- (a) a relevant standard approved by one of the following bodies made before 1 December 1999:
- Standards Australia
  - British Standards Institution
  - American Society of Automotive Engineers
  - American National Standards Institute
  - Japanese Standards Association
  - Deutsches Institut für Normung
  - International Organisation for Standardisation
  - European Committee for Standardization (CEN); or
- (b) a relevant standard approved by one of the bodies listed in paragraph (a) made on or after 1 December 1999.

### **Notes—**

- 1 A standard approved by a standards body is sometimes identified by a different name or acronym to the approving body. For example, the standards approved by the European Committee for Standardization are identified by the acronym EN.
- 2 Rule 26 provides that a vehicle need not comply with an adopted standard if that standard is replaced by a later version of the standard and the vehicle complies with that later version.

- (3) Despite anything to the contrary in rule 25—
- (a) a reference to a standard in subrule (2) (a) is a reference to the standard as in force immediately before 1 December 1999; and
  - (b) a reference to a standard in subrule (2) (b) is a reference to the standard as in force when it was made.

## **7—Variation of rule 158—Drawbar couplings**

Rule 158—after subrule (4) insert:

- (5) For the purposes of subrules (3) and (4), a connection between a trailer and a towing vehicle includes anything which connects the trailer and the towing vehicle.

### **Examples of what is included in a connection—**

- 1 Chains.
- 2 Cables.
- 3 A thing fixed to a trailer or a towing vehicle to which a chain is attached.
- 4 Shackles.

## **8—Variation of Dictionary**

- (1) Dictionary, definition of *AS* or *Australian Standard* or *AS/NZS* or *Australian/New Zealand Standard*—delete the definition and substitute:

*AS* or *Australian Standard* or *AS/NZS* or *Australian/New Zealand Standard* means a standard approved for publication by Standards Australia.

- (2) Dictionary, definition of *Standards Australia*—delete the definition and substitute:

*Standards Australia* means Standards Australia Limited, or any body to which Standards Australia Limited is a successor in law or that is a successor in law to Standards Australia Limited.

### **Note—**

As required by section 10AA(2) of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1978*, the Minister has certified that, in the Minister's opinion, it is necessary or appropriate that these rules come into operation as set out in these rules.

## **Made by the Governor**

with the advice and consent of the Executive Council  
on 13 December 2012

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