

Release of Low Volume Vehicle Code – Issue 5

During the latter months of 2006, the Low Volume Vehicle Code (LVV Code) was amended, and signed off by Land Transport New Zealand and the LVVTA Council.

To follow is a brief overview of the changes.

LVV certification plate production transfer:

The primary reason that an amendment process was carried out on the LVV Code was to facilitate, and legally empower, the transfer of LVV certification plate production operations from Land Transport New Zealand to LVVTA.

Changes made for this purpose are scattered throughout the LVV Code, but the principle changes in relation to the plate production transfer are shown in paragraphs 2.9, 2.10, and 2.15.

Other changes:

- Scope of LVV Code

Paragraph 1.2(1) has been rewritten to clearly show which classes of vehicles the LVV Code applies to, and to clarify the situation relating to the 3500 kg GVM situation, in that that dividing line only applies to certain classes of vehicles, whereas other classes of vehicles can exceed 3500 kg GVM yet still remain light vehicles, and therefore subject to the LVV Code.

- Terminology

Reference to the term 'survey' and 'surveying' has reverted back to 'inspect' and 'inspecting', and 'survey-sheets' have reverted back to 'form-sets'.

- References to LVV Operating Requirements Schedule

In some parts of the LVV Code, detail has been removed, and replaced with a reference to the LVV Operating Requirements Schedule, which enables changes to the LVV system to be made by LVVTA and LTNZ without the need for amendments to the LVV Code each time. Examples of this are the road-testing requirements as referred to in 2.6, and the way in which documentation must be filled in, as referred to in 2.7(4).

- LVV Certification Plates

Clarification has been provided on affixing the plates, return of unaffixed plates, and the removal of invalid plates, all of which is contained in paragraph 2.10.

- Type Approval and Auxiliary Items

The scope for 'Type Approval' and 'Auxiliary Items' have both been removed from the LVV Code, due to a lack of use, and a high potential for abuse.

- Updated Annexes

Annex 1 and Annex 2 have been updated to reflect progress made on LVV Standards and Form-sets, and the change in priorities on future LVV Standards development.

Annex 3 has been updated to empower the extension of use of the LVV Authority Card system operated by the New Zealand Hot Rod Association (Inc).

- Minor amendments

A number of minor changes were made to bring the LVV Code into line with the current Land Transport New Zealand title, contact detail changes, and some general tidying and re-formatting.

Note that all of the changes are shown in shading, with a vertical stroke in the left-hand margin, to make it easy to quickly identify what changes have been made.

If you have any queries or require any further clarification relating to this Information Sheet, please feel free to contact the technical team at the LVVTA office on (04) 238-4343.