Section 1

Vehicle Identification

Objective:
To ensure that the vehicle being inspected is authentic and correctly identified.

Australian Design Rules relevant to this section:
ADR 61 Vehicle marking

1.1 Check the identity of the vehicle

Reasons for rejection

a) No VIN/chassis number present

Note: A chassis number is the identifying number of a vehicle that was built prior to 1 July 1989. The number can be any combination of letters or numbers and can be any length.

A VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) is the unique identifying number of a vehicle that was built from 1 July 1989. The number can be any combination of letters and numbers (excluding the letters i, o and q) and must be 17 digits in length.

b) VIN on identification (compliance) plate differs from that stamped into body or chassis

Note: Second edition ADR vehicles may have a chassis number stamped into the chassis that is different to the chassis number on the vehicle plate. Provided that one of the chassis numbers stamped into the chassis matches the vehicle plate, this is not a reason for rejection.

c) VIN/chassis number has been altered or tampered with

d) Engine number has been altered or tampered with

e) No engine number present

f) A motor vehicle manufactured from 1 August 1972 that is not fitted with an Australian identification (compliance) plate and has not been previously registered in Australia

g) A trailer manufactured from 1 August 1984 that is not fitted with an Australian identification (compliance) plate and has not been previously registered in Australia

Note: Where a motor vehicle or trailer mentioned in (f) or (g) is not fitted with an identification plate, but proof of previous registration in Australia is provided, this is not a reason for rejection.

h) For a vehicle that is used in a road train or B-double combination, the vehicle plate does not include the words “ROAD TRAIN” and/or “B-DOUBLE”; and for a trailer designed for use in a road train, the words “ROAD TRAIN TRAILER”

i) For a vehicle that has been modified for use in a road train or B-double combination, the vehicle is not fitted with a modification plate certifying it to code S8 (Road Train Prime Mover), S9 (B-double Prime Mover) or S11 (Road Train Trailer) of VSB6.

Note: Where a vehicle fails the identity inspection in this section, the Tiered Identity Inspection Regime of the jurisdiction should be applied or the matter referred to the police.
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