



Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee

Minute of Decision

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Review of the Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimension and Mass 2002

Portfolio Associate Transport

On 29 June 2016, the Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee (EGI):

- 1 **noted** that on 2 December 2015, EGI agreed to the release of a discussion document on proposals to update and improve the Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2002 (the 2002 VDAM Rule) [EGI-15-MIN-0162];
- 2 **noted** that the Associate Minister of Transport intends to release a public consultation draft (yellow draft) of the Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016, to replace the 2002 VDAM Rule;
- 3 **noted** that the proposed amendments:
 - 3.1 are aimed at productivity improvements, greater regulatory efficiency and reduced compliance costs, without compromising the road transport system and road user safety outcomes;
 - 3.2 will include changes to vehicle dimensions and mass limits, permitting, and over-dimension loads, and will restructure the 2002 VDAM Rule to improve its accessibility for the sector, as outlined in the paper under EGI-16-SUB-0139;
- 4 **noted** that, subject to any minor changes required as a result of the consultation, the Associate Minister of Transport intends to sign the new VDAM Rule, to come into force on 1 November 2016;
- 5 **noted** that, if any substantial changes to the yellow draft are required, the Associate Minister of Transport will submit a revised draft VDAM Rule to EGI prior to signing;
- 6 **invited** the Associate Minister of Transport to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to draft amendments to the Land Transport (Offences and Penalties) Regulations 1999 to:
 - 6.1 standardise all weighing tolerances at 500kg, except for the tolerance on steer axles which will be unaltered;
 - 6.2 make breaches of critical conditions for over-dimension permits subject to the same penalty as the breaches of critical conditions for over-weight permits referred to in section 4B(a) of the Regulations;

- 7 **invited** the Associate Minister of Transport to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to draft minor and consequential amendments to the Land Transport (Offences and Penalties) Regulations 1999, the Heavy Motor Vehicle Regulations 1974 and the Land Transport (Certification and Other Fees) Regulations 2014, as detailed in the paper under EGI-16-SUB-0139;
- 8 **noted** that the paper under EGI-16-SUB-0139 and related Cabinet decisions will be published online, subject to consideration of any deletions that would be justified if the information had been requested under the Official Information Act 1982.

Committee Secretary
