



Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Amendment (Motor Vehicle Frontal Protection Systems) Regulation 2002

under the

Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Act 1997

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Act 1997*.

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Minister for Roads

Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to amend the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 1998* to provide for safety standards for vehicle frontal protection systems (such as bullbars, roobars and nudge bars) fitted to certain motor vehicles.

The new standard (AS 4876.1—2002, *Motor Vehicle Frontal Protection Systems*) is in addition to Australian Design Rule 69 and other relevant Australian Design Rules. The new standard covers, among others, the mountings, exposed edges, shape of material and profile used for bumper replacement bullbars, over-bumper bullbars and nudge bars.

This Regulation is made under the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Act 1997*, including sections 14 (the general regulation-making power) and 15A.

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Amendment (Motor Vehicle Frontal Protection Systems) Regulation 2002*.

2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on 1 January 2003.

3 Amendment of Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 1998

The *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 1998* is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Amendment

(Clause 3)

Schedule 4 Vehicle standards

Insert after clause 25 (2):

- (3) A vehicle frontal protection system that is fitted on a motor vehicle that:
- (a) has a GVM not over 3.5 tonnes, and
 - (b) is manufactured on or after 1 January 2003,

must comply with AS 4876.1—2002, *Motor Vehicle Frontal Protection Systems* (except clause 3.2).

Note. Under clause 3.1 of AS 4876.1—2002, a vehicle fitted with a vehicle frontal protection system must continue to comply with all applicable Australian Design Rules.

- (4) Subclause (3) does not apply to a vehicle frontal protection system fitted on a motor vehicle if the model of the vehicle is a model of a kind manufactured before 1 January 2003.

- (5) In this clause:

vehicle frontal protection system means a structure fitted to the front of a vehicle to reduce damage to the vehicle structure and systems in the event of either a front-end impact or an animal strike.

Note. Examples of vehicle frontal protections systems are bullbars, roobars and nudge bars. Vehicle frontal protections systems may be fitted in front of, or in place of, vehicle bumpers.