

Motor Vehicle Registry Information Bulletin

R14 – Conditional Registration Codes

A vehicle may be conditionally registered if it does not comply with the Motor Vehicle (Standards) Regulations. This will allow restricted use on the road system, and will compensate for the vehicle's non-compliance that may affect its safe use on a public street or public place.

Whether a vehicle is conditionally registered, or refused, registration is at the discretion of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

Detailed below are the codes and their descriptions, and it is expected that only up to three codes will apply to any vehicle, at any one time. The codes applied, will be endorsed on the registration certificate and label.

GO – General Operation

- GO1** - Towing limitations (as specified)
- GO2** - Pilot vehicle(s) (as specified) mandatory
- GO3** - Passenger/observer required
- GO4** - Escort with authority to direct traffic required
- GO5** - Use only when required and by the shortest suitable routes between depots and work sites
- GO6** - Occupant protection required
- GO7** - Potentially hazardous projections to be covered by rigid material (e.g. by metal cage) when travelling or standing on any public street / public place
- GO8** - Only to be driven on any public street / public place when unladen

LO – Location Limitation

- LO1** - Not to be used on the formed portion of any street / public place except when crossing
- LO2** - Excluded from built up areas, i.e. where 60 km/hr or lower speed zones apply
- LO3** - Restricted to designated area / routes
- LO4** - Not to be left standing on the paved part of any street / public place
- LO5** - Only to be used on a street / public place within a defined (signed) work area or construction zone and to be transported (not driven) between sites

OL – Ownership Limitations

- OL1** - Ownership cannot be automatically transferred
- OL2** - Conditions only apply while in current ownership
- OL3** - The registered owner must be a member of an authorised motoring club and the vehicle must only be used in conjunction with an authorised club event

OM – Over Mass

- OM1** - Not to be driven over or used on any bridge or culvert
- OM2** - Only to be used in accordance with the relevant Notice(s) [e.g. as published under the (proposed) Oversize and Overmass regulations by the responsible jurisdiction]
- OM3** - Only to be used in accordance with route specific permits issued to the vehicle operator by the responsible jurisdiction

OS – Over Size

- OS1** - Only to be used in accordance with the relevant Notice(s) [e.g. as published under the (proposed) Oversize and Overmass) regulations by the responsible jurisdiction]
- OS2** - Only to be used in accordance with route specific permits issued to the vehicle operator by the responsible jurisdiction

SL – Signs and Lights (Conspicuity)

- SL1** - Special lamps lit during specified use only, i.e. when the vehicle is an unusual hazard
- SL2** - Special delineation of protrusions by way of lamps, signs, marking boards or reflectors required
- SL3** - Delineation of over width or over length extremities, by for example: stripes in contrasting colours
- SL4** - Special lamps (as specified) for travel between sunset and sunrise
- SL5** - 'Slow vehicle' sign
- SL6** - 'Left hand drive' or 'dual control' sign

SP – Speed Limited

- SP - Governed to maximum speed as specified, (e.g. SP30, SP50)
- ST - Maximum speed specified when towed (e.g. ST30)

TR – (Time of Day) Restrictions

- TR1 - Not to travel during darkness or poor visibility
- TR2 - Not to travel on any road when Clearway conditions apply

Notes on Conditions

The National Heavy Registration Scheme requires conditionally registered heavy vehicles to be identified as such on their certificate of registration, and windscreen label by listing the applicable codes.

All conditionally registered heavy vehicles are required to carry a full statement of the conditions at all times when on a public road.

It is expected that most heavy vehicles will require no more than three (3) condition codes. However, if there are heavy vehicles that require more codes, and there is a problem with space on the windscreen label, then the applicable main alphabetical codes, (e.g. SL) may be displayed on the label, with details recorded on the certificate of registration.

- GO** - **General Operation** conditions to ensure on road safety - Some vehicles require operational limits or support, e.g. a pilot vehicle, or an observer to satisfy field of view, or a heavy un-braked trailer that may only be towed satisfactorily by a heavy vehicle.
- LO** - **Location of use Limitation** are to cover units that need to be used in special areas including remote areas (LO3); construction zones, snowfields, etc. (LO1); and national parks (LO2). Each jurisdiction would define the permitted or excluded areas and any unique location related requirements.
- OL** - **Ownership Limitations** - Some special vehicles, by their nature (e.g. fire tenders with heavy front axles, motorised wheelchairs) should not be available for unrestricted ownership and should be reassessed before possible transfer to another owner.
- OM & OS** - **Mass and/or Dimension Notice or Permit**
- SL** - **Signs & Lights** - Units that are over-dimensional, particularly for length and/or width, need special visible treatment to alert other road users. Special delineation is typically required for mobile crane booms, lift forks, mulcher elevators, etc., that would otherwise be hazardous due to their poor conspicuity.

- SP** - **Speed Limitation** - For some machines, ranging from large construction equipment to three wheeled motorcycles, braking, steering and stability are of concern. One way of accepting these for road use is to apply speed limitations (engine governing). The onus for setting the maximum safe operating speed would be on the vehicle manufacturer. Speed limitation requirements are to be specified down to the nearest whole ten, e.g. 50/60/70 km/hr.
- TR** - **Time of day Restrictions** could apply to units where complying lighting is impractical, for example special purpose machinery for road maintenance, or overwidth cranes or mulching machines which could comply in every other aspect.

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