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Stretched limousines – exemption from aspects of ADR 58/00

Purpose

To inform vehicle examiners, RTA personnel, RTA recognised engineering signatories and members of the public that stretched limousines are exempt from specific clauses of ADR 58/00 *Requirements for Omnibuses Designed for Hire and Reward* subject to certain conditions.

Background

A stretched limousine is a conventional passenger vehicle (MA, MB or MC category) modified by extending its length to increase the occupant space and the number of occupants accommodated, such that the resulting seating capacity is not more than 12 including the driver. The modified MA, MB or MC vehicle is classified as an *MD Vehicle (Light Omnibus)*.

When used for hire and reward, these vehicles are required to comply with ADR 58/00. The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) has determined that some clauses of ADR 58/00 are not reasonably practicable to apply to stretched limousines.

Furthermore, MD vehicles are not required to comply with ADR 29/00 *Side Door Strength*. Consequently the modified portion of the vehicle may not have adequate side intrusion protection.

The RTA is addressing these two issues by providing an exemption for stretched limousines from certain clauses of ADR 58/00 provided side intrusion properties are maintained.

For ■ AIS Proprietors & Examiners ■ AUVIS Proprietors & Examiners ■ RTA Inspectors Vehicle Regulation
■ Engineering Signatories ■ RTA Registry Service Managers ■ Vehicle owners & operators in NSW

Exemption

Stretched limousines are exempt from those clauses of ADR 58/00 listed in the Table below. Refer to the RTA *Stretched Limousine Exemption Notice* attached.

Clause	Title
58.5	Access to and from omnibuses
58.6	Head room
58.7	Access steps
58.13	Passenger seats

Side intrusion

To qualify for the above exemption and to maintain the protection afforded by ADR 29/00, stretched limousines are required to retain their original side intrusion protection and to have an equivalent level of protection in the modified section. (See RTA *Stretched Limousine Exemption Notice* attached.)

Attachment

RTA *Stretched Limousine Exemption Notice*



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Stretched Limousine Exemption Notice



Pursuant to Clause 10, Schedule 2 of the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007, I, Dan Leavy, Acting Manager, Vehicle Safety apply the following exemption:

The type of vehicle defined below is exempt from the clauses of ADR 58/00 *Requirements for Omnibuses Designed for Hire and Reward* listed in Table 1.

Vehicles to which this exemption applies

This exemption applies to stretched limousines where a stretched limousine is a conventional passenger vehicle (MA, MB or MC category) modified by extending its length to increase the occupant space and the number of occupants accommodated, such that the resulting seating capacity is no more than 12 including the driver, thereby classifying it as an MD Vehicle (Omnibus).

Table 1. Exempt clauses

Clause	Title
58.5	Access to and from omnibuses
58.6	Head room
58.7	Access steps
58.13	Passenger seats

Conditions

This exemption is only applicable where side intrusion features present in the original MA, MB or MC vehicle have been retained and the modified portion of the vehicle has an equivalent level of protection fitted.

Duration

This exemption commences on 1 September 2007 and remains in force until amended or revoked by formal notice.

Application

The above exemption applies to stretched limousines as defined above, for the purposes of inspection and registration.

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