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To: All WoF and CoF Inspection Organisations and Vehicle Inspectors

RE: INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR WHEELCHAIR STOWING DEVICES ON LIGHT MOTOR VEHICLES

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the inspection requirements for wheelchair stowing devices on light motor vehicles.

The inspection requirements for wheelchair stowing devices are currently specified in the in-service VIRM (WoF and CoF), table 3-1-1 cargo/hoist/cargo lift. Some vehicle inspectors are not sure if this requirement for cargo hoists includes wheelchair stowing devices.

Therefore, we have decided to amend the VIRM, to specify (more clearly) the inspection requirements for wheelchair stowing devices.

The VIRM amendment will state that a wheelchair stowing device does not require LVV certification, provided that the device:

- is for stowing and/or deploying and unoccupied non-powered wheelchair; and
- is securely attached to the vehicle; and
- folds and locks in a position outside of the vehicle's passenger compartments; and
- has no sharp protrusions (edges have a radius of at least 3mm); and
- does not compromise the safe performance of the vehicle

The VIRM amendment will be included with the six monthly VIRM updates scheduled for March 2024.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Bill Hyslop, Senior Engineer in the Regulatory Technical Team on bill.hyslop@nzta.govt.nz.



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