

# Light trailer manufacturers including homemade trailer builders

## Changes to Commonwealth legislation

From 1 July 2023, the new *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018* (Cth) (Commonwealth legislation) will replace the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* (Cth).

## Building trailers under the new Cth legislation

- Trailer manufacturers and importers, who provide **more than 4 low Aggregate Trailer Mass (ATM) trailers** (with an ATM of 4.5 tonnes or less) to the Australian market in a 12 month period, will have to apply via the Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications (the Cth Dept.) for a **vehicle type approval** for their trailer type.
- Trailer manufacturers (including homebuilders) and importers who provide **4 or less low ATM trailers** to the Australian market in a 12 month period, will have to apply (via the Cth Dept.) for a **concessional approval** for their trailer type.
- The Northern Territory will no longer issue a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) for a trailer that falls under the concessional approval category.
- A VIN will be issued by the Cth Dept as part of the approval process.

## Applying for approval via the Cth Dept

- To apply for a vehicle type approval or a concessional approval, you must create an account in the Road Vehicle Regulator (ROVER) system, fill out an online application form, and supply the information, documents and declaration detailed in the form.
- Visit [http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/rvs/rover\\_resources/index.aspx](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/rvs/rover_resources/index.aspx) for guidance on ROVER.
- Email [ROVERinfo@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:ROVERinfo@infrastructure.gov.au) if you experience issues with creating an account or signing in

## For more information

- Visit the Cth Dept. website at [infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/rvs/light\\_trailers.aspx](http://infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/rvs/light_trailers.aspx)
- Email the Cth Dept. Road Vehicle Standards Act Implementation Team at [RVSAimplementation@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:RVSAimplementation@infrastructure.gov.au)
- Phone the Cth Dept. on 1800 815 272 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm AEST, within Australia), or +61 2 6274 7444 (calling from overseas).