

## NTC confirms approval of new auto tint rules for windows rear of driver

WFAANZ has received confirmation from the National Transport Commission (NTC) that *The Australian Light Vehicle Standards Rules 1st Amendment Package* has been approved by the Transport & Infrastructure Council. For the window film industry, this means a 20% VLT allowance for after-market tint on windows behind the driver is now 'model legislation'.

It is important to note that model legislation actually has no legislative force – so the regulations of each State and Territory do not automatically change since the approval of this amendment package. Rather, the package is used in each jurisdiction as the basis for their standards, so this is essentially the first step towards achieving a revision of the regulations in each State or Territory.



### RULES RELATING TO WINDOW FILM

#### (3) RULE 44 -

(6A) If a motor vehicle is fitted with at least one rear vision mirror to each side of the vehicle, the motor vehicle's rear glazing may be coated to achieve a luminous transmittance of not less than 20%.

(6B) If all the following apply to a motor vehicle, the motor vehicle's rear glazing may be coated to achieve a luminous transmittance of 0%:

a) the vehicle is fitted with at least one rear vision mirror to each side of the vehicle;

b) the vehicle is designed primarily for the carriage of goods;

c) the vehicle has:

(i) at least four wheels; or

(ii) at least three wheels and a GVM of more than one tonne.

## What happens next?

Involved in the approval process with the Transport & Infrastructure Council was a 'Maintenance Advisory Group', comprising representatives from every transport minister's office. These representatives will now alert their respective offices about the changes in the amendment package. The new rules will then be voted on by the transport minister in every State and Territory. The NTC advises this process can take any time between 12 months to two years.

WFAANZ recommends you review *The Australian Light Vehicle Standards Rules 1st Amendment Package*

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