



Proposed additional requirements in relation to the SEVs Rarity criterion (section 135 of the Rules)

It is proposed to determine the following matters under section 136 of the Road Vehicle Standards Rules 2018 (the Rules). The purpose of these additional requirements is to limit the categories of vehicles eligible under the rarity criterion and to establish how the population of rare vehicles will be calculated.

Proposed additional requirements

1. Eligibility for entry on the SEVs Register under the rarity criterion is not available to vehicles in the Medium Goods Vehicles NB2 Sub Category.
2. For s135(a) of the Rules, in assessing the population of vehicles, **'vehicles of the make and vehicle category'** will include all vehicles manufactured under that make that are approved under a type approval (or equivalent) and of the same vehicle category as the model or variant that the application is for, and exclude not vehicles of the same make and model that are of a different vehicle category.

For example, KTM manufacture thousands of motorcycles each year, but also manufacture a small number of passenger vehicles under the X-BOW model. If an applications was to be made for the X-BOW under make being rare they would only need to consider the vehicles that fall into the MA category.

3. For s135(b) of the Rules, in assessing the population of vehicles, **'vehicles of the model'** means all vehicles manufactured under that make that are approved under any type approval (or equivalent) for that model.

Rationale

The first requirement is to prevent moderately heavy vehicles between 4.5 tonnes and 12 tonnes (NB2) being eligible and avoiding important safety standards through the section 89 standards exemptions for rare vehicles.

The second and third requirements are to provide more certainty about how the population of vehicles will be determined. In particular, the number of badge engineered vehicles will not be taken into account as they are of a different make. The requirements also takes account of the fact that vehicles of the same model can sometimes cover multiple vehicle categories.

Questions: Are the above requirements reasonable?
Should additional requirements be added?
Should any of the requirements be removed or amended?