



WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

PURSUANT to *section 152* of the Land Transport Act 1998

I, *Harry James Duynhoven*, Minister for Transport Safety,

HEREBY make the following ordinary rule:

Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Lighting 2004

SIGNED AT Wellington

This 6th day of December 2004

Harry James Duynhoven

Minister for Transport Safety

Land Transport Rule

Vehicle Lighting 2004

Rule 32005/2004

As at 1 June 2019

Section 11 Flashing or revolving beacons

11.1 Safety and performance requirements for beacons

- 11.1(1) A beacon fitted to a motor vehicle must be positioned to ensure:
- (a) maximum visibility to other drivers and other road users;
 - (b) that the main direction of the light emitted by all light sources is approximately parallel to the ground.
- 11.1(2) The light emitted from a beacon fitted to a motor vehicle must not exceed six flashes per second.
- 11.1(3) A beacon must not emit light of an intensity that dazzles other drivers or other road users.

Clause 11.1(2): replaced, on 29 June 2007, by clause 2.8 of Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Lighting Amendment 2007.

11.2 Fitting requirements for beacons

- 11.2(1) An emergency vehicle may be fitted with one or more red beacons and one or more white forward-facing beacons.
- 11.2(2) An emergency vehicle operated by an enforcement officer may be fitted with one or more blue beacons.
- 11.2(3) A motor vehicle operated by a registered medical practitioner or a registered nurse or registered midwife may be fitted with one green beacon.
- 11.2(4) The following motor vehicles may be fitted with one or more amber beacons:
- (a) a vehicle recovery service vehicle;
 - (b) a vehicle operated in accordance with a traffic management plan approved by a road controlling authority;
 - (c) a vehicle for which the use of the beacon is necessary to warn road users of a hazard due to the presence of the vehicle or of persons carrying out a lawful activity on the road in the vicinity of the vehicle;
 - (d) an agricultural motor vehicle;
 - (e) a vehicle that is required by any enactment to display an amber beacon.
- 11.2(5) An overdimension motor vehicle must be fitted with an amber beacon, in accordance with *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016*.

11.2(6) A pilot vehicle must be fitted with amber or purple beacons, in accordance with *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016*.

11.2(7) The following vehicles may be fitted with one or more blue beacons:

- (a) a vehicle operated by a Customs officer pursuant to *section 144 of the Customs and Excise Act 1996*;
- (b) a vehicle operated by a fishing officer pursuant to *section 199 of the Fisheries Act 1996*;
- (c) a vehicle operated by a ranger pursuant to *section 18 of the Marine Reserves Act 1971*.

Clause 11.2(4): amended, on 1 June 2019, by *clause 2.5(1) of Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Lighting Amendment 2019*.

Clause 11.2(4)(d): inserted, on 1 June 2013, by *clause 2.1(2) of Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Lighting Amendment 2013*.

Clause 11.2(4)(e): inserted, on 1 June 2013, by *clause 2.1(2) of Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Lighting Amendment 2013*.

Clause 11.2(5): amended, on 1 June 2019, by *clause 2.5(2) of Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Lighting Amendment 2019*.

Clause 11.2(6): amended, on 1 June 2019, by *clause 2.5(3) of Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Lighting Amendment 2019*.

Clause 11.2(7): inserted, on 7 May 2009, by *clause 2.3 of Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Lighting Amendment 2009*.

Section 12 Modification, retrofitting and repair

12.1 Modification

12.1(1) A modification to a motor vehicle that affects the performance of its lighting equipment:

- (a) must not prevent the vehicle from complying with the applicable requirements of this rule; and
- (b) must be certified in accordance with *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002*.

12.1(2) For the avoidance of doubt, the retrofitting of lighting equipment to a vehicle is not a modification under *12.1(1)*.

12.1(3) An overlay must not be applied to a lens if that would reduce the mechanical and optical properties of the lamp below safe tolerance.

12.1(4) A headlamp and a front fog lamp, when not in use, may be covered by a readily-removable protective cover.