

## IM 22 – Manufacturer’s Plate – Evidence of Design Weights & Eligibility of Down-rated Vehicles – ISSUED 10/01/06

Procedure and Standards item 3, Note 2, requires evidence of the original design weights in respect of a vehicle that is down-rated. This paragraph shall be amended to require **documentary** evidence of at least the original manufacturer’s design GVW and GTW.

Note 3, provides the conditions that apply to a vehicle submitted on the basis of being down-rated. This includes the requirement for the “kerbside weight” to be no more than 3425kg. Kerbside weight is as defined in the “Glossary of Terms” In this definition “The weight of the vehicle” must be taken to be the weight of the vehicle in its complete condition (disregarding optional equipment but including a body) as supplied by the manufacturer. It must also be noted that if the vehicle does not comply with any of the criteria listed in NOTE 3 it must be rejected as it is not eligible to test under the SVA scheme.

Please replace note 2 and 3 with the following text;

**NOTE 2:** Where the vehicle is subject to voluntary down-plating to a weight less than the manufacturer’s design weight **documentary** evidence of at least the original design Gross weight and where a towing capability exists design Train weight must be provided.

**NOTE 3:** Where the vehicle is subject to voluntary down-plating the following conditions must be met,

- the manufacturer’s original design gross weight must not exceed 5500kg
- the kerbside weight\* must not exceed 3425kg, and
- The vehicle must be of the same “family of types” as a vehicle previously issued a Minister’s Approval Certificate and eligible without down-rating.

For the definition of kerbside weight” see Glossary of Terms and “family of types” see definition of Very Low Volume in Foreword section page 8.

**Where a vehicle does not meet this criteria it must be rejected as not being eligible to the SVA scheme.**