

IM FOREWORD - Evidence of Japanese Approval from Singapore – ISSUED 10/01/2005.

This note is provided for information to all examiners, but particularly for Testing Stations processing electronic applications where the evidence of compliance has not been checked by SVA section W/H.

We have been contacted by the Land Transport Authority of the Singapore government who have been approached by vehicle exporters who would like to export vehicles from Singapore to the UK. The current obstacle is that Singapore does not have any recognised comparable standards, for their own approval purposes relying largely on the approvals issued to vehicles from other countries. However, it has been recognised that a large number of vehicles registered in Singapore have been built to the Japanese standards, and registered on that basis although the Japanese documentation is retained by the Singapore authority.

The Singapore authority have agreed to assist in the export of such vehicles by providing a statement confirming the Japanese approval information that was available to them and recorded on their vehicle records when the vehicle was first registered in that country.

The “letter of compliance” will be in the format in the attached annex (one original will also be sent to each testing location) and will **as from 1 February 2005** be an acceptable alternative method of proving compliance with the Japanese requirements.

The process to be used in assessing this document will be the same as for the Japanese De-Registration document /Certificate of Completion being either checked initially by TSB and verified by the station or in the case of an electronic application by direct assessment at the station.

In respect of an assessment at the station, the items that specifically need to be confirmed by the examiner are, that the -

- document relates to the vehicle,
- Type designation number is present,
- Variant number is present, and
- document is original without alteration or addition/modification
- vehicle has not been subject to any modification likely to be detrimental to its original approval.

Where the authenticity of any document or its contents becomes questionable please contact Technical Services Branch who will be able to verify the authenticity of the document through the Singapore Authority.

NOTE: Please be aware that several Japanese documents have been submitted where the type designation numbers have been added after issue. Please pay particular attention to the font type. Where a suspect document is found, the vehicle should be failed and the presenter advised that additional evidence is required, also advise TSB who will attempt to verify the document details with the Japanese Authority.