

VTNZ Transtalk – Issue 25
March 2006

HEAVY VEHICLE BRAKES RULE

The Land Transport Rule: Heavy Vehicle Brakes is expected to be signed off by the end of May 2006. The Rule is intended to ensure that heavy vehicles and heavy vehicle combinations can brake safely, with balanced brake performance, at any road-legal load condition. This Rule affects all vehicles with a GVM greater than 3,500kg.

The Vehicle Certification Unit (VCU) of Land Transport NZ has initiated a project to ensure the successful implementation of this Rule. The aim of the project is to enable all vehicles covered by the Rule to be tested using practical methods and in such a way as to provide satisfactory assurances that the requirements of the Rule are being met.

The project will be drawing on expertise from all areas of the heavy motor vehicle industry to assist with this initiative.