

VTNZ Transtalk – Issue 30
April 2008

HEAVY VEHICLE BRAKE RULE UPDATE

You may have read in previous issues of Transtalk that VTNZ is in the process of upgrading most of its CoF B testing stations to comply with the new Heavy Vehicle Brake Rule. This will enable brake testing of either laden vehicles or vehicles where a load has been simulated using hydraulic 'pull down' cylinders. The Rule requires a minimum load of 60% of each axle's Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) or statutory limit, whichever is the lesser.

VTNZ will introduce the testing of laden or simulated laden vehicles from late 2008 to mid 2009. Operators have been advised by LTNZ that it is their responsibility to meet load requirements arising from the rule. This may mean providing engineered tie down points or de-cluttered chassis rails to make space for chassis clamps, however these will not be required until late 2008 at the earliest.

Upgrades have been successfully completed recently at a number of stations nationwide between Auckland and Dunedin. Upgrades vary from installation of new equipment to major pit extensions.

Photos are included in the actual Transtalk newsletter which can be found on the VTNZ website under "News" or using the link from the Heavy-Vehicle Brake Rule webpage.