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Mr Muller  
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Dear Mr Muller

Thank you for your further email of 2 September 2019 regarding the use of adhesive registration plates.

As the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, the NZ Transport Agency is responsible for issuing registration plates in accordance with section 257(1) of the Land Transport Act 1998. The types of ordinary plates the Registrar *may* issue, are set out under regulation 33 the Land Transport (Motor Vehicle Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2011.

While regulation 33(6) allows an ordinary plate to be fixed to the front of a motor vehicle may be in the form of an adhesive label, only plates issued by the Transport Agency and our agents are legal. Vehicle owners who take it upon themselves to source an alternative product are at risk of being fined or prosecuted for having an illegal adhesive plate.

Regulation 77(1)(b)(i) makes it an offence to operate a motor vehicle on a road if it does not have affixed to it "the registration plates issued for it". Further to this, regulation 77(2)(b)(i) makes it a stationary vehicle offence to cause or permit a motor vehicle to be on a road if it does not have affixed to it "the registration plates issued for it". The maximum penalties and infringement fees for those offences are set out in Schedule 6.

If you would like to discuss this matter further with the Transport Agency, you are welcome to contact Sam Russell, Customer Advisor – Ministerials, by email to [Sam.Russell@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:Sam.Russell@nzta.govt.nz) or on 0800 108 809.

Yours sincerely



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