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A new sub-rule (12) in rule 96 provides that M1 and N1 vehicles manufactured on and after October 1, 2028, if provided with an Advanced Emergency Braking System (AEBS), shall conform to AIS-185. M1 vehicles must be fitted with AEBS conforming to AIS-185 if manufactured on and after October 1, 2030 in the case of new models, and October 1, 2032 in the case of all models. The draft does not require AEBS to be fitted in N1 vehicles.

New provisos in rule 98(3) require the steering effort on all motor vehicles manufactured on and after October 1, 2027, other than three-wheelers not fitted with a steering wheel, motor cycles and invalid carriages, to conform to AIS-193. M1 vehicles manufactured on and after that date that are provided with Automatic Command Steering Functionalities (ACSF) must conform to AIS-193, and M1 vehicles to be registered as transport vehicles, manufactured on and after October 1, 2029, must be fitted with ACSF. A new sub-rule (6) in rule 98 and a new sub-rule (4) in rule 125-Q follow the same pattern for the Emergency Lane Keeping System (ELKS), to AIS-191 (Part 1), and for Driver Drowsiness and Attention Warning Systems, to AIS-184: M1 vehicles manufactured on and after October 1, 2027 that are provided with them must conform, and M1 vehicles to be registered as transport vehicles, manufactured on and after October 1, 2029, must be fitted with them.

The draft makes three further changes. M1 vehicles must meet the luggage retention requirements of IS 15546:2005 if manufactured on and after April 1, 2028 for new models and October 1, 2028 for all models (rule 125(5)). M1 vehicles provided with ISOFIX anchorage systems, ISOFIX top tether anchorages and i-Size seating positions must meet AIS-182 if manufactured on and after October 1, 2027 for new models and October 1, 2028 for all models (rule 125(8)). In the table in rule 124(4), serial number 10, column 3, ", Rule 125(1)" is inserted after "Rule 125(1-A)"; the draft does not say what that entry covers.

The draft will be taken into consideration after the expiry of thirty days from the date copies of the Gazette are made available to the public, and objections or suggestions received before then will be considered by the Central Government. They may be sent to the Additional Secretary (MVL, Transport & Road Safety), Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Transport Bhawan, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110 001, or to comments-morth@gov.in. The draft names no closing

date, and the amendment number in the short title is blank. It does not define "new models" or "all models", and does not reproduce the AIS standards it cites.

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Applies to	M1 and N1 vehicles (AEBS); M1 vehicles (ACSF, ELKS, drowsiness warning, luggage retention, ISOFIX); steering effort on all motor vehicles, with the listed exceptions
AEBS to be fitted in M1 vehicles	Manufactured on and after October 1, 2030 for new models; October 1, 2032 for all models
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Proposed standards and dates by vehicle category

Requirement	Standard	Vehicles	Manufactured on and after
Advanced Emergency Braking System (AEBS), if provided	AIS-185	M1 and N1	October 1, 2028

AEBS to be fitted	AIS-185	M1	October 1, 2030 (new models); October 1, 2032 (all models)
Steering effort	AIS-193	All motor vehicles other than three-wheelers not fitted with a steering wheel, motor cycles and invalid carriages	October 1, 2027
Automatic Command Steering Functionalities (ACSF), if provided	AIS-193	M1	October 1, 2027
ACSF to be fitted	AIS-193	M1 to be registered as transport vehicles	October 1, 2029
Emergency Lane Keeping System (ELKS), if provided	AIS-191 (Part 1)	M1	October 1, 2027
ELKS to be fitted	AIS-191 (Part 1)	M1 to be registered as transport vehicles	October 1, 2029
Driver Drowsiness and Attention Warning Systems, if provided	AIS-184	M1	October 1, 2027
Driver Drowsiness and Attention Warning Systems to be fitted	AIS-184	M1 to be registered as transport vehicles	October 1, 2029
Luggage retention	IS 15546:2005	M1	April 1, 2028 (new models); October 1, 2028 (all models)
ISOFIX anchorage systems, ISOFIX top tether anchorages and i-Size seating positions, if provided	AIS-182	M1	October 1, 2027 (new models); October 1, 2028 (all models)

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