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One new proviso covers a vehicle manufacturer that imports, directly or through its authorized representative, unused completely built units (CBUs) or completely knocked down units (CKDs) of right-hand steering control vehicles meeting European Economic Community (EEC), Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) or Japanese standards. Up to 2,500 units of M1 or L category vehicles and up to 500 units of other categories a year are deemed compliant for sale and registration under rule 47, on a certificate of compliance for the relevant standard issued by an authorized agency or accredited certifying agency. Those registered as transport vehicles must comply with rule 118. Another proviso covers unused right-hand steering control vehicles meeting those standards and imported as CBUs for personal use, demonstration, testing, research or scientific work: they are deemed compliant for registration under rule 47 on the same kind of certificate. That proviso sets no number limit and does not say who the importer must be.

For all imported L and M1 category "gasoline-fuelled" vehicles with a positive ignition engine, the vehicle manufacturer must provide, in addition to a whole vehicle type approval certificate under EEC, ECE or Japanese standards, a Type-I exhaust emission compliance report performed on E20 reference fuel, as per IS 17943, on the emission test cycle applicable in the EEC, ECE or Japanese standard. The report may come from an authorized test agency listed in rule 126, an authorized test agency issuing vehicle type approval certificates, or type approval authorities and technical services under those standards. With the report, the manufacturer submits a declaration for material compatibility for E20 fuel to the authorized test agency. Neither this proviso nor the one on yearly limits has a start date of its own; both take effect with the rules, on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

Under the other provisos, altered, retrofitted or adapted vehicles are tested and type approved by the rule 126 testing agencies, or self-certified by original equipment manufacturers or by workshops the State Government authorizes, under section 52 of the Act. The procedure for type approval and certification of agricultural tractors follows AIS-017(Part 2) (Rev.2): 2016. Steering control may be on either side in construction equipment vehicles, and at the center on the front or rear side in agricultural tractors. The procedure for corrigenda, amendments or revisions to Automotive Industry Standards, Type Approval Procedures 115/116, Indian Standards

and ISO standards follows AIS-000:2013. Truck body prototypes may be submitted for testing and type approval to engineering colleges the State Government specifies or State Road Transport Undertakings it approves.

The rules do not reproduce the provisos they replace or say which parts are new. They do not say how the yearly limits are counted or checked, and the E20 proviso does not refer to those limits. The draft G.S.R. 99(E) would have substituted the whole of rule 126. The final rules replace only the fourth to tenth provisos, and, compared with the draft, add the rule 118 condition for transport vehicles, the center steering position for agricultural tractors, and type approval authorities and technical services as issuers of the E20 report. The note records that the principal rules were last amended before this by G.S.R. 417(E) dated May 25, 2026.

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Applies to	Imported vehicles with EEC, ECE or Japanese approvals; altered, retrofitted or adapted vehicles; agricultural tractors; construction equipment vehicles; truck body prototypes
Yearly limits for deemed compliance	Up to 2,500 units of M1 or L category and up to 500 units of other categories: unused right-hand steering control CBUs or CKDs imported by a vehicle manufacturer
Deemed compliance	Certificate of compliance for the relevant EEC, ECE or Japanese standard, from an authorized agency or accredited certifying agency
E20 evidence	Imported L and M1 gasoline vehicles with positive ignition engines: besides the whole vehicle type approval certificate, a Type-I exhaust emission compliance report on E20 reference fuel (IS 17943) and a declaration for material compatibility for E20 fuel
Transport vehicles	Vehicles imported within the yearly limits must comply with rule 118 if registered as transport vehicles

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Imported vehicles under the new provisos to rule 126

Vehicles	Yearly limit	Evidence
Unused right-hand steering control CBUs or CKDs imported by a vehicle manufacturer: M1 or L category	Up to 2,500 units	Certificate of compliance for the relevant EEC, ECE or Japanese standard, from an authorized agency or accredited certifying agency
The same imports: other categories	Up to 500 units	Certificate of compliance for the relevant EEC, ECE or Japanese standard, from an authorized agency or accredited certifying agency
All imported L and M1 gasoline vehicles with a positive ignition engine	Not stated	Whole vehicle type approval certificate (EEC, ECE or Japanese), a Type-I exhaust emission compliance report on E20 reference fuel (IS 17943), and a declaration for material compatibility for E20 fuel
Unused right-hand steering control CBUs for personal use, demonstration, testing, research or scientific work	Not stated	Certificate of compliance for the relevant EEC, ECE or Japanese standard, from an authorized agency or accredited certifying agency, for registration under rule 47

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