

# Act Partially Amending the Road Transport Vehicle Act and the Act on the National Agency of Vehicle Inspection, Independent Administrative Agency (Act No. 44 of June 24, 2015)

Take necessary measures such as to establish a new system for the mutual recognition of the whole vehicle and establish, etc. a system to exchange license plates to an illustrated one, etc., from the viewpoint of improving the safety of automobiles and meeting the needs of the public. Establish provisions such as collecting reports, etc. from device manufacturers, etc. regarding non-compliant vehicles to ensure prompt and reliable response to recalls, taking into account the cases involving automobile airbags. Form a new incorporated administrative agency by integrating the National Agency of Vehicle Inspection, Independent Administrative Agency and National Traffic Safety and Environment Laboratory to promote the development and dissemination of innovative automotive technology and reform of incorporated administrative agencies.

## Background

- The following issues must be addressed in order to ensure the safety of automobiles and to promote, etc. the diverse utilization of license plates as well as the development and dissemination of innovative automotive technology, while responding to changes in the automobile industry structure and the progress of globalization, such as the commonization of devices.
- Respond to the amendment of the international agreement regarding the mutual recognition of the type approval of a vehicle, etc. (“Agreement concerning the Adoption of Harmonized Technical United Nations Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be Fitted and/or be Used on Wheeled Vehicles and the Conditions for Reciprocal Recognition of Approvals Granted on the Basis of these United Nations Regulations”)
- Respond to the requests from regions, etc. regarding the issuance of the special edition Tokyo Olympics plates and the introduction of illustrated license plates.
- Respond with a more prompt and reliable recall implementation in light of the current state of an increase in large-scale recalls caused by the progress of the commonization of automobile devices.
- Respond to the integration of incorporated administrative agencies based on the Basic Policy on Reform of the Incorporated Administrative Agencies (Cabinet Decision dated December 24, 2013)

## Overview of the Act

### ○ Establish a new system for the mutual recognition of the whole vehicle

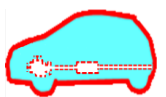
A system (IWVTA) that allows mutual recognition of the whole vehicle is to be introduced to ensure the international competitiveness of Japan’s automobile industry in response to the amendment of the international agreement that mutually recognizes the conformity to standards of device units of vehicles between countries.

\*IWVTA: International Whole Vehicle Type Approval

Mutual recognition of the device unit (Current)



Mutual recognition of the whole vehicle



The certification cost is reduced as the number of examination category is **one-third or less** compared to the certification examination of the device unit.

### ○ Establish a new exchange system for the implementation of illustrated license plates

Develop a system to allow the exchange of the current standard license plates to illustrated ones, in order to promote regional development through the diverse utilization of license plates

Conventional license plate



Illustrated license plate



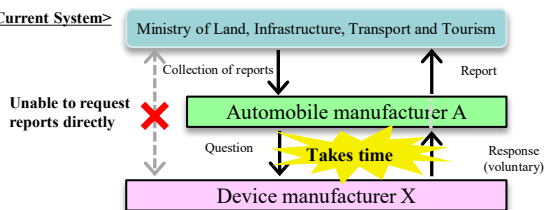
Exchange for illustrated license plate, etc.

### ○ Strengthening measures against device manufacturers regarding recalls

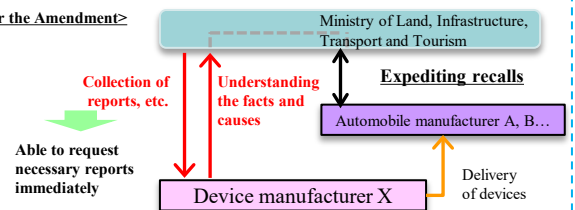
Device manufacturers are to be added to those subject to report collection and on-site inspections necessary for recalls, in order to realize a more prompt and reliable recall implementation.

[If the device does not comply with the standards]

<Current System>

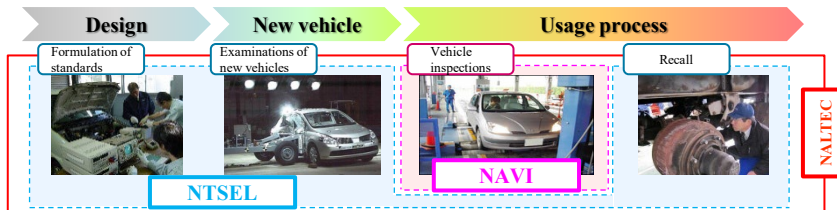


<After the Amendment>



### ○ Integration of National Agency of Vehicle Inspection, Independent Administrative Agency (NAVI) and National Traffic Safety and Environment Laboratory (NTSEL)

The National Agency for Automobile and Land Transport Technology (NALTEC) was established through the integration of two independent administrative agencies to realize a prompt and reliable response to the introduction of new technologies and the discovery of defects, etc.



Realize a prompt and reliable response to the introduction of new technologies and the discovery of defects, etc. by comprehensively carrying out operations from design to new vehicles and to the use.

自動車の安全性の向上や国民のニーズへの対応の観点から、車両単位での新たな相互承認制度の創設、図柄入りナンバープレート等への交換制度の創設等の所要の措置を講じる。さらに、自動車のエアバッグに係る事案を踏まえ、リコールの迅速かつ確実な対応を図るため、基準不適合自動車に係る装置の製作者等に対する報告徴収等の規定を整備する。また、自動車の革新的技術の開発・普及及び独立行政法人改革を推進するため、自動車検査独立行政法人及び独立行政法人交通安全環境研究所を統合し、新たな独立行政法人を設立する。

## 背景

- 装置共通化等の自動車産業構造の変化・グローバル化の進展等に対応しつつ、自動車の安全性を確保するとともに、ナンバープレートの多様な活用や自動車の革新的技術の開発・普及の推進等を図るため、以下の課題への対応が必要
- ・ 車両等の型式認定の相互承認に関する国際協定(「国連の車両等の型式認定相互承認協定」)の改正への対応
- ・ 東京五輪特別仕様プレートの交付や図柄入りナンバープレートの導入に関する地域等からの要望への対応
- ・ 昨今の自動車の装置共通化の進展によるリコールの大規模化の現状を踏まえ、より迅速かつ確実なリコール実施への対応
- ・ 「独立行政法人改革等に関する基本的な方針」(平成25年12月24日閣議決定)に基づく法人統合への対応

## 法律の概要

### ○ 車両単位での新たな相互承認制度の創設

自動車の装置単位での基準適合性を各国間で相互に承認する国際協定の改正に対応し、我が国自動車産業の国際競争力の確保を図るため、車両単位での相互承認を可能とする制度(IWVTA)を導入

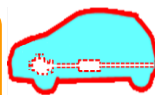
※IWVTA:International Whole Vehicle Type Approval

装置単位の相互承認  
(現行)



装置単位での認証審査に比べ、審査項目が1/3以下になり、認証コストが低減される

車両単位の相互承認



### ○ 図柄入りナンバープレートの実施のための新たな交換制度の創設

ナンバープレートの多様な活用による地域振興等を図るため、現状の画一的なものから図柄入りナンバープレートへの交換を可能とするための制度を創設

従来のナンバー



図柄ナンバー



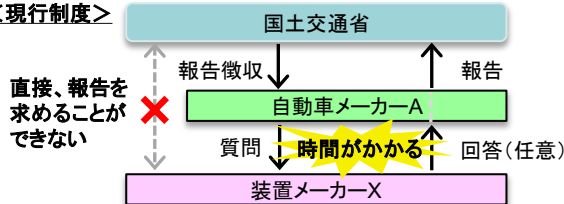
図柄ナンバー等への交換

### ○ リコールに係る装置メーカーへの対策強化

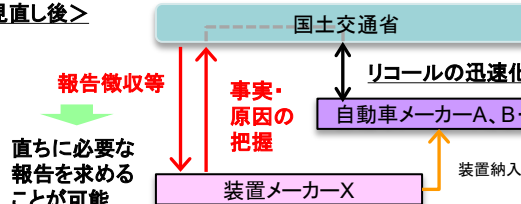
より迅速かつ確実なリコールの実施を実現するため、リコールの実施に必要な報告徴収・立入検査の対象に装置メーカーを追加

【装置が基準不適合の場合】

<現行制度>

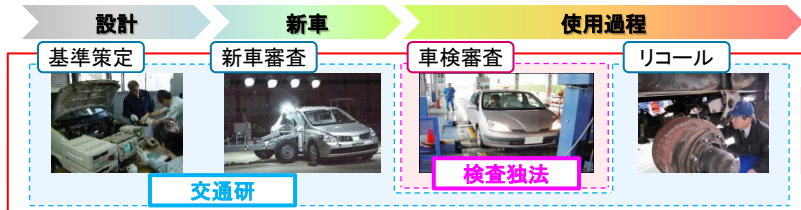


<見直し後>



### ○ 自動車検査独立行政法人及び独立行政法人交通安全環境研究所の統合

新技術の導入や不具合発見等への迅速かつ確実な対応を実現するため、二法人を統合し、独立行政法人自動車技術総合機構を設立



設計から新車、使用の段階の業務を総合的に実施し、新技術の導入や不具合発見等への迅速・確実な対応を実現