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OFFICIAL NOTICE

BACK BAR ON SULKY SEAT SUPPORT FRAME – COMPLIANCE DATE 31 MAY 2019

The HRNZ Board have directed that all sulkies are now required to have a back bar on the sulky seat support frame. This requirement has been introduced to improve the safety of sulkies for horses and drivers.

Existing sulkies without a back bar are required to have one fitted by 31 May 2019 in order to comply with the new Regulation.

If your sulky does not have a back bar included in the design already, contact the manufacturer or NZ agent for your sulky in the first instance and they will supply you with a suitable bar which will be manufactured to correctly fit your sulky. Alternatively contact one of the HRNZ approved sulky repairers in your region.

Any cost associated with supplying and fitting the bar are payable by the owner however manufacturers are keeping costs to a minimum.

OFFSET SULKIES – NOT APPROVED FOR USE IN NZ

Reminder that Offset Sulkies are not approved for use in New Zealand.

WOF inspectors have been advised not to issue a WOF to any offset sulky unless it complies by shifting the seat to the centre.

When purchasing a sulky from overseas please ensure it will comply before it arrives in New Zealand. Some of the Spyder Gorilla sulkies which have arrived from Australia are marginally offset however this is able to be resolved by centring the seat.

Harness Racing Australia have been phasing out their use of offset sulkies since September 2015 and a total ban of existing offset sulkies is to be in place in Australia from 1 September 2020.

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