

# BULLETIN

## Towing Operations Division



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### Definition: Salvage/Basic Salvage

Dear TOD Member

Recently members have indicated that there is considerable confusion around the description of salvage. The Accident Towing Services Act 2007 and Road Safety Act 1986 provide the following description.

**Basic salvage service, means the service of salvaging a motor vehicle -**

- (a) Using one or more tow trucks that are not heavy tow trucks; and
- (b) Without using a mobile crane

**Salvage, in case of an accident damaged motor vehicle that as a result of the accident -**

- (a) Is in a location that is not a road or a road related area; or
- (b) Is embedded in a building or in an object that is not a motor vehicle; or
- (c) Is overturned or on its side,

means the moving of the motor vehicle to a place on a road or road related area or into an upright position or both so that it may be towed by a tow truck without assistance.

**Road related area has the same meaning as in the Road Safety Act 1986 (below)**

- (a) an area that divides a road; or
- (b) a footpath or nature strip adjacent to a road; or
- (c) an area that is open to the public and is designated for use by cyclists or animals; or
- (d) an area that is not a road and that is open to or used by the public for driving, riding or parking motor vehicles; or
- (e) a place that is a road related area by virtue of a declaration under subsection (2)(a)- but does not include a place that is not a road related area by virtue of a declaration under subsection (2)(a); road safety camera means a system consisting of a camera and associated equipment that is used or intended to be used for the purpose of detecting the commission of offences against this Act or regulations made under this Act; rules means rules made under section 95D;

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me.

Regards

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