⚠️ SAFETY ALERT

TOW BARS CERTIFIED BY PATRICK CHU (TRANSPORT & STRUCTURE LIMITED)

The NZ Transport Agency has issued this safety alert advising that tow bar connections certified by Auckland based Mr Patrick Chu (Transport & Structure Ltd) have been revoked from today (21 December 2018).

Tow bars on heavy vehicles [including small trucks, tipper trucks, motor homes and goods' vans], certified by Patrick Chu (Transport & Structure Ltd) have been revoked from 21 December 2018 due to urgent safety concerns.

Mr Chu applied the wrong assessment standard which means the tow bars were incorrectly certified. This means that during the current period of certification the trailer could detach from the vehicle (including the safety chain).

The vehicles' ability to tow any load has been revoked until the tow bar is re-certified.
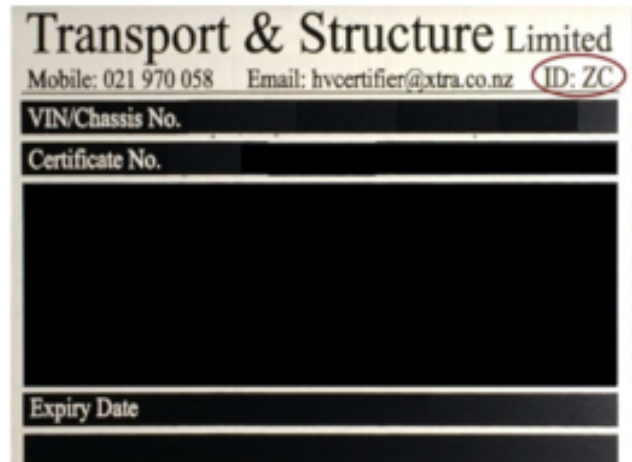
Please identify if your vehicle's tow bar was certified by Patrick Chu

Vehicle owners are asked to check their tow bar for the **'ZC'** on a certification plate indicating it has been certified by Mr Chu. *See the example plate photo.*

If you cannot see plates on your vehicle, or you are otherwise unsure whether the tow bar on your vehicle was certified by Patrick Chu, you can find out by calling the NZ Transport Agency contact centre and providing your registration plate number.

The contact centre has a list of all tow bar certifications issued by Patrick Chu and will be able to tell you whether one relates to your vehicle. Contact the NZ Transport Agency contact centre on **0800 699 000.**

Example plate photo

You must get your tow bar checked and re-certified before using it

Vehicle owners can still use their vehicle but must not tow anything until the tow bar has been re-certified by an appropriately qualified heavy vehicle specialist certifier. A list of alternate certifiers can be found on the Transport Agency website.

The Transport Agency will not pay for these checks, any work needed to get the tow bar to the required standard, or any costs associated with its re-certification.