Heavy Vehicle National Law

Victoria Class 1 Road Grader Mass and Dimension Exemption Notice 2018 (No.1)

1. Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to exempt certain class 1 special purpose vehicles that are road graders from relevant mass and dimension limits and operating requirements, and to specify the conditions and routes on which they may operate.

Note- This notice replaces the previous Notice as to Conditions of Travel and Route Restrictions for Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicles that are Road Graders published in the Victoria Government Gazette No. S 30 Friday 1 February 2013.

1. Authorising Provision

This Notice is made under Section 117 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law.

1. Title

This Notice may be cited as the *Victoria Class 1 Road Grader Mass and Dimension Exemption Notice 2018*.

1. Commencement

This Notice commences on 1 February 2018.

1. Expiry

This Notice expires on 31 January 2023.

1. Definitions
2. Unless otherwise stated, words or expressions used in this Notice have the same meanings as in the HVNL or regulations made under the HVNL.
3. In this Notice —

***Eligible Vehicle*** means a road grader or road grader towing one other vehicle.

***Freeway*** has the same meaning as in the Road Management Act 2004 (Vic)

***Zone 1*** as indicated by the *Class 1 Oversize and Overmass Agricultural Vehicle network map.*

***Restricted Route*** as indicated by the red roads on in the *Class 1 Oversize and Overmass Agricultural Vehicle network map.*

***Travelling Mode*** means with the vehicle configured in a manner that minimizes the dimensions of the vehicle for the purpose of self-transportation on a public road.

1. Application

This Notice applies to an eligible vehicle operating in Victoria.

1. Condition – Stated areas and Routes
2. An eligible vehicle may operate on all roads in Victoria, except as noted below:
3. pursuant to the limits in s15, an eligible vehicle may not cross a restricted bridge as indicated by a red diamond in the *Class 1 Oversize and Overmass Agricultural Vehicle network map*; and
4. an eligible vehicle may not travel on a freeway.

*Note:- under s11) specific width restrictions apply in Zone 1.*

1. Exemption- Dimension Requirements
2. An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice is exempt from the following dimension requirements of Schedule 6 of the Heavy Vehicle (Mass Dimension and Loading) National Regulation (the National Regulation):
3. section 5 – Rear overhang; and
4. section 7(1) – Width.
5. Conditions – Dimensions (except in Zone 1)
6. An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice in any area other than Zone 1 must not exceed the following dimension requirements:
7. Width, when operating in travelling mode – 3.5m
8. Rear overhang, including rear attachment – 6.5m
9. Conditions – Dimensions (Zone 1)
10. An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice in Zone 1 must not exceed the following dimension requirements:
11. Width, when operating in travelling mode – 2.8m
12. Rear overhang, including rear attachment – 6.5m
13. Conditions – Forward projection in front of steering wheel
14. An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice must not have a projection in front of the centre of the steering of more than 3.5m
15. Exemption- Mass Requirements
16. An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice is exempt from the following mass requirements of Schedule 1 of the National Regulation:
17. Part 1 Section 2;
18. Part 2 Table 1 Axle Mass Limits Table.
19. Conditions – Mass limits on axle groups relating to tyre width
20. An eligible vehicle may operate at the masses indicated in Columns 2 and 3 of Table 1 below if the tyres on the vehicle meet the dimension requirements in Column 1:

**Table 1: Tyre width mass limits**

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| **Column 1****Width of narrowest tyre on axle (mm)** | **Column 2****Mass limit for single axle with 2 tyres****(tonnes)** | **Column 3****Mass limit for a tandem axle group with 4 tyres****(tonnes)** |
| **At least** | **But less than** |
| 356 | 381 | 8.0 | 16.0 |
| 381 | 406 | 9.0 | 16.5 |
| 406 | 431 | 10.0 | 17.0 |
| 431 | 458 | 10.0 | 17.5 |

1. Regardless of the masses in Table 1, the maximum mass on a steer axle is limited to 8t.
2. The mass limits in this section apply regardless of the mass limits in s13.

Note:- Certain restricted structures as indicated by a red diamond in the Class 1 Oversize and Overmass Agricultural Vehicle network map have special mass limits specified in s15 below.

1. Conditions – Mass limits for restricted structures
2. An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice crossing a Restricted Bridge listed in Appendix 1 to this notice must comply with the following mass limits:
3. axle with 2 tyres – 6.0 tonnes
4. tandem axle with 4 tyres – 11.0 tonnes
5. gross vehicle combination mass – 34.0 tonnes
6. The mass limit conditions in this section apply regardless of the mass limits in s14 above.
7. Conditions – General
8. An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice must not travel more than 75km by road per day when towing another vehicle.

The mass of a road grader operating under this notice must be equal to or greater than the mass of any towed vehicle.

1. Conditions – Disapplication of Schedule 8 of the National Regulation
2. Pursuant to s39(4)(a) of the National Regulation, the following provisions of Schedule 8 of the National Regulation do not apply to eligible vehicles operating under this Notice:
3. section 2(1)(a) – warning sign attached to the front of the vehicle; and
4. section 2(1)(b) – warning sign attached to the rear of a vehicle; and
5. section 2(1)(c) – warning flags fixed to the vehicle; and
6. section 3 – warning lights and delimiters.
7. Conditions – Rear Marking Plates
8. An eligible vehicle of less than 12t GVM operating under this Notice must comply with Schedule 2 s8 of the Heavy Vehicle (Vehicle Standards) National Regulation.

Note:- this requirement is mandatory for any vehicle of mass 12t GVM or more as per the Vehicle Standards Regulation.

**Dated: 24 January 2018**

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