



Heavy Vehicle National Law

Heavy Vehicle Stated Maps – Suspension and Amendment Notice 2020 (No.7)

1 Authorising provision

1) This Notice is made under the following provisions of the Heavy Vehicle National Law:

- a) Section 175, immediately suspending or amending the routes listed in Schedule 1 of this Notice to prevent or minimize serious harm to public safety or significant damage to road infrastructure; and
- b) Section 174, cancelling or amending the routes listed in Schedule 1 of this Notice.

2 Purpose

The purpose of this Notice is to amend stated maps for vehicles at the request of road managers.

3 Commencement Date

- 1) Suspension or amendment of the routes in Schedule 1 under s1(1)(a) above commences immediately upon publication of this Notice; and
- 2) Suspension or amendment of the conditions in Schedule 2 under s1(1)(a) above commences immediately upon publication of this Notice.

4 Title

This Notice may be cited as the Heavy Vehicle Stated Maps – Amendment Notice 2020 (No.7)

5 Application

This Notice applies in all participating jurisdictions.

6 Amendments

The specified networks in Column 2 of Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 to this Notice are amended as specified in Column 4 for the Road Manager's reasons shown in Column 5.

Dated: 20/11/2020

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Manager Network Access Policy
National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

Schedule 1: Table of Amended Routes

COLUMN 1 Authorising Provision	COLUMN 2 Network	COLUMN 3 Locality	COLUMN 4 Changes to Route	COLUMN 5 Road Manager Reasons for Change
s174 and s175 HVNL	Queensland Access of certain Major Roads in Queensland	Zone 3 Coastal	<p>Addition of new condition</p> <p>Dimension limits on certain identified Major Roads in the Coastal Zone 3 Area as identified in table 21 of the National Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle and Combinations Operators Guide v5.5</p>	<p>The level of risk has not changed on these roads and the Queensland Government Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) request that 4.0m access be specified for Major Roads in the Zone 3 Area from Gympie to Rockhampton (inclusive) due to traffic safety concerns.</p> <p>TMR has developed a table detailing Major Roads between Gympie and Rockhampton. It will specifically manage access on these roads up to 4.0m in width and will be required for inclusion in the Operator's Guide.</p>
s174 and s175 HVNL	Queensland Access of certain Critical Areas and Critical Roads in Queensland	Gold Coast City Council	<p>Addition of new condition</p> <p>Dimension limits on certain identified Critical Roads in the Coastal Zone 3 Area as identified in table 22 of the National Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle and Combinations Operators Guide v5.5</p>	<p>Both TMR and the Queensland Police Service (QPS) have agreed the maximum width of an agricultural vehicle operating in the Gold Coast City Council (GCCC) area on a Critical Road should be returned to 3.5m in width due to traffic safety concerns.</p> <p>The risk posed by vehicles encroaching on into oncoming lanes in high traffic volumes is significant. Further exacerbating the risk is that agricultural vehicles travel at speeds significantly lower than general traffic, the effect of this is, motorists will expose themselves greater risk trying to pass these vehicles with limited lane width to safely perform this manoeuvre.</p>

Schedule 2: Table of Amended Conditions

COLUMN 1 Authorising Provision	COLUMN 2 Notice	COLUMN 3 Locality	COLUMN 4 Changes to conditions	COLUMN 5 Road Manager Reasons for Change								
s175 HVNL	National Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle and Combination Mass and Dimension Exemption Notice	Zone 3 and Zone 3 Coastal	<p>The use of pilots instead of roadside signage</p> <p>Previous condition Critical Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum buffer zone of 0.5m from the centre line at all times (unless turning across a roadway). • Travel no more than 5km travel for a single journey. • Must be accompanied by one pilot vehicle. • Portable roadside warning signs must be placed: — at least 350m in advance of the travel zone in both/all directions; and — at any critical or major road intersecting with the road being travelled. <p>New condition Critical Road (unless otherwise conditioned)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum buffer zone of 0.5m from the centre line at all times (unless turning across a roadway). • Travel no more than 5km travel for a single journey. • Must be accompanied by one pilot and one Level 1 pilot: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Pilot vehicle must be positioned forward of the agricultural vehicle; and — Level 1 pilot must be positioned between 500m–1,000m rearward of the agricultural vehicle to assist in mitigating the speed differential of traffic approaching from the rear; or • Must be accompanied by one pilot vehicle; and portable roadside warning signs must be placed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — at least 350m in advance of the travel zone in both/all directions; and — at any Critical or Major Road intersecting with the road being travelled. 	<p>This request for change was initiated by the Queensland Canegrowers Association, raising safety concerns in the deployment of the portable roadside warning signs.</p> <p>The change introduces the use of Level 1 pilots as an option for roadside signage on critical roads in the Coastal Area of Zone 3.</p> <p>The use of a Level 1 pilot has been introduced to mitigate a safety risk associated with the speed differential between agricultural vehicles and other traffic on Critical Roads.</p>								
s175 HVNL		Zone 4	<p>Changes to Cotton harvesters piloting conditions and access to the Warrego Highway (between Henningsen Road Oakey and Dalby)</p> <p>Previous conditions Table 10</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="618 1142 1738 1406"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="618 1142 837 1177">Dimension</th> <th data-bbox="837 1142 1144 1177">Road</th> <th data-bbox="1144 1142 1738 1177">Escort requirement</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="618 1177 837 1406" rowspan="3">Width greater than 5.0m</td> <td data-bbox="837 1177 1144 1278">Warrego Highway (between Mitchell and Charleville)</td> <td data-bbox="1144 1177 1738 1406" rowspan="3">Three level 2 escort vehicles that are positioned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.0–1.5km ahead of the combination; • 500m ahead of the combination; and • 300m behind the combination. </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="837 1278 1144 1378">Burke Development Road (between Dimbulah and Chillagoe)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="837 1378 1144 1406">Kennedy Highway</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Dimension	Road	Escort requirement	Width greater than 5.0m	Warrego Highway (between Mitchell and Charleville)	Three level 2 escort vehicles that are positioned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.0–1.5km ahead of the combination; • 500m ahead of the combination; and • 300m behind the combination. 	Burke Development Road (between Dimbulah and Chillagoe)	Kennedy Highway	<p>The exclusion of cotton harvesters under the 'width greater than 5.0m up to 5.5m', means cotton harvester restrictions on Major Roads in Zone 4 would be the same as any other agricultural vehicle of the same width (that is, the requirements for 'width greater than 3.7m' – 1 pilot; and 'width greater than 4.5m' – 2 pilots).</p>
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				(between Mt Garnett and intersection of Tumoulin Rd) Tumoulin Road (between Ravenshoe and Evelyn)		<p>This then leaves a gap in the requirements for cotton harvesters between 5.0m and 5.5m on Major Roads (>5.5m to 6.5m on Major Roads covered in Table 10); and no access on Critical Roads in NHVR Zone 4.</p> <p>The previous Queensland Notice (the now revoked Form 14) required Police and 2 escort vehicles for cotton harvesters >5.0m up to 5.5m on Critical Roads in the previous Queensland Notice Zone 2 (these roads remain Critical Roads in the National Notice Zone 4 in Queensland).</p>								
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