



HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW

Tasmania Class 1 Heavy Vehicle Unladen Low Loader and Low Loader Dolly Dimension Exemption Notice 2021 (No.1)

1. Purpose

- 1) This Notice exempts Class 1 unladen low loaders from prescribed width requirements in Schedule 6 of the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation* (the National Regulation). This Notice also removes certain Schedule 8 conditions of the National Regulation regarding towing a low loader dolly and night travel.
- 2) This Notice revokes and replaces the Tasmania Class 1 Heavy Vehicle Unladen Low Loader Dimension Exemption Notice 2016.

Note: This Notice updates references to networks, clarifies the definition of low loader dollies, and clarifies the application of certain travel restrictions. No further changes to exemptions, conditions or networks are made.

2. Authorising Provisions

This notice is made under section 117 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) as in force in Tasmania.

3. Title

This notice may be cited as the *Tasmania Class 1 Heavy Vehicle Unladen Low Loader and Low Loader Dolly Dimension Exemption Notice 2021*.

4. Commencement

This notice commences on 2 February 2021.

5. Expiry

This notice expires on 30 November 2021.

6. Definitions

- 1) Unless otherwise stated, words and expressions used in this notice have the same meaning as those defined in the HVNL.
- 2) In this notice—

2.7m low loader means a low loader semitrailer that:

- a) is fitted with 8 tyres on each axle; and
- b) does not exceed 2.7m wide as constructed; and
- c) has a loading deck no more than 1m above the ground; and
- d) cannot be reduced to comply with prescribed width requirements under the National Regulation.

2.7m low loader dolly means a device for distributing mass that:

- a) is fitted with 8 tyres on each axle; and
- b) does not exceed 2.7m wide as constructed; and
- c) cannot be reduced to comply with prescribed width requirements under the National Regulation.

7. Application

- 1) This Notice applies to a heavy vehicle combination that consists of a prime mover towing:
 - a) an unladen low loader; or
 - b) an unladen 2.7m low loader; or
 - c) a low loader dolly and an unladen low loader; or
 - d) a low loader dolly and an unladen 2.7m low loader; or
 - e) a 2.7m low loader dolly and an unladen low loader; or
 - f) a 2.7m low loader dolly and an unladen 2.7m low loader.
- 2) This Notice applies to heavy vehicle combinations operating in Tasmania
- 3) A heavy vehicle combination to which this Notice applies is an eligible vehicle.

8. Exemption - Dimension Requirements

- 1) An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice is exempt from the following dimension requirements of Schedule 6 of the National Regulation:
 - a) section 3(1)(a) – Length of a combination
 - b) section 7(1) – Width
- 2) The exemptions in this section only apply to the extent of the conditional dimensions set out in sections 9 and 10, and when all other conditions in the Notice are met.

9. Conditions – Dimensions (Length)

An eligible vehicle must not exceed 26m in length.

10. Conditions – Dimensions (Width)

An eligible vehicle must not exceed 2.7m in width.

11. Dis-application – Schedule 8 of the National Regulation

- 1) For eligible vehicles operating under this Notice, the following provisions from Schedule 8 of the National Regulation are dis-applied:
 - a) section 7(a) – Night Travel outside an urban area
 - b) section 14(a) – Maximum width of a low loader dolly

Note: The conditional maximum dimension requirements under s9 and s10 of this Notice still apply under this Notice, regardless of the disapplication of section 14(a) of Schedule 8.

The requirements of Section 14(b) of Schedule 8 of the National Regulation still apply for an eligible combination towing a low loader dolly or a 2.7m low loader dolly.

12. Condition – Night travel

An eligible vehicle that is longer than 22m travelling at night under section 11(1)(a) of this Notice must be accompanied by a pilot vehicle.

13. Conditions - Areas and Routes

- 1) Pursuant to section 119(a) of the HVNL, an eligible vehicle may operate on the following network published by the Tasmanian Department of State Growth:

Tasmanian Class 1 Load Carrying Vehicle Network Map:-

Unladen Low Loader Combinations

- 2) An eligible vehicle accessing a network set out in subsection (1) must comply with the road and travel conditions set out in that network.

Note: Maps and further information for this network may be found on the Tasmanian Department of State Growth website.

14. Conditions - General

- 1) The following vehicle types in any combination or quantity do not count as a load when determining if the low loader semitrailer is unladen:
 - a) a pilot vehicle; or
 - b) a low loader dolly; or
 - c) a jinker.

Note: "Pilot vehicle" means a vehicle that meets the requirements of Schedule 8 Part 1, Division 5 of the National Regulation.

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