**HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW**

**National Heavy Vehicle Standards (Truck-Mounted Attenuator) Exemption Notice 2022 (No.1)**

1. **Purpose**

The purpose of this notice is to exempt heavy motor vehicles fitted with an attenuator and actively engaged in an approved task from certain prescribed heavy vehicle standards.

1. **Authorising Provision**

This notice is made under section 61 of the *Heavy Vehicle National Law* (HVNL) as in force in each participating jurisdiction.

1. **Commencement**

This notice commences on 24 April 2022.

1. **Expiry**

This notice expires on 23 April 2027.

1. **Definitions**

### Unless otherwise stated, words and expressions used in this notice have the same meanings as those defined in the HVNL.

### In this notice—

**Approved task** means the attenuator is engaged in a road construction, repair or maintenance, traffic control operations or road incident response task.

**Attenuator** means an implement fitted to the rear of a heavy motor vehicle intended to absorb the energy of a vehicle crash in order to protect persons carrying out an approved task.

**Deployed** means the attenuator is in a lowered or extended position so that it may perform the intended function.

**MDL Regulation** means the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation*, as amended from time to time.

**Warning pattern** means a pattern covering an area of at least 0.16m2 and consisting of diagonal stripes at least 100mm wide and alternately coloured—

### red and white;

### black and yellow;

### black and white; or

### red and yellow.

1. **Title**

This notice may be cited as the *National Heavy Vehicle Standards (Truck-Mounted Attenuator) Exemption Notice 2022 (No. 1)*.

1. **Application**

### This notice applies in all participating jurisdictions.

### This notice applies to a heavy motor vehicle fitted with an attenuator.

1. **Exemption from Prescribed Vehicle Standards**

A heavy motor vehicle fitted with an attenuator is exempt from complying with Schedule 2 Section 34(1) of the *Heavy Vehicle (Vehicle Standards) National Regulation*, in so far as it requires compliance with the following dimension requirements prescribed by the MDL Regulation:

### Schedule 6 Section 5(1) Length—rear overhang

### Schedule 6 Section 3(1)(g) Length – general.

1. **Conditions**

### When the attenuator is not deployed, the vehicle must comply with the prescribed dimension requirements for rear overhang and overall length.

### The attenuator must only be deployed when the vehicle is actively engaged in an approved task.

### When the attenuator is deployed, the vehicle must not exceed the following dimensions:

### rear overhang — 7.6 metres; and

### overall length — 15.0 metres.

### When the attenuator is deployed during the daytime, the vehicle must have its low beam headlights or daytime running lights on.

### When the attenuator is deployed, both sides and the rear of the attenuator must be fitted with the warning pattern.

### The vehicle must be fitted with a warning light that is lit when the attenuator is deployed and:

### be clearly visible at a distance of 500 metres in all directions; or

### be supplemented by 1 or more additional warning lights so that the light emanating from at least 1 of them is clearly visible at a distance of 500 metres in any direction.

### When switched on, a warning light mention under 6) must:

### not be a strobe light; and

### emit a yellow coloured light of rotating and flashing effect; and

### flash between 120 and 240 times a minute; and

### must not be of an intensity that is likely to dazzle another road user.

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