



## HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW

### National Class 3 Supplementary Access (Western Australia Assistance) Exemption Notice 2023 (No.3)

#### 1. Purpose

- 1) This Notice authorises the access of Class 3 heavy vehicles that are road trains up to 53.5m in length to a specified network from Western Australia to South Australia. This Notice grants exemptions to certain axle mass requirements under Schedule 1 of the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation* (MDL Regulation) and provides alternative conditional mass limits. The purpose of this access is to allow increased freight capacity on alternative road networks during a period when regular rail and road freight routes are cut by natural disaster.

*Note:* As a class 3 exemption, this Notice applies to any vehicle that complies with the conditions of the Notice, up to the specified conditional masses. Apart from the exempted mass limits, a vehicle must comply with all other requirements of the Heavy Vehicle National Law.

*This Notice replaces the National Class 3 Supplementary Access (Western Australia Assistance) Exemption Notice 2023 (No.2) upon its expiry. All exemptions, conditions and access are the same as the expiring Notice.*

#### 2. Authorising provision

- 1) This Notice is made under the following provisions of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL):
  - a) Section 117 – *Regulator’s power to exempt a category of class 1 or class 3 heavy vehicles*

#### 3. Title

This exemption Notice may be cited as the *National Class 3 Supplementary Access (Western Australia Assistance) Exemption Notice 2023 (No.3)*.

#### 4. Commencement date

This Notice commences on 1 March 2023.

## 5. Expiry date

This Notice expires on 30 June 2023.

## 6. Definitions

Unless otherwise stated, words and expression used in this Notice have the same meanings as those in the HVNL and its regulations.

## 7. Application

- 1) This Notice applies to a heavy vehicle that meets all of the requirements of this section.
- 2) This Notice applies to a heavy vehicle that is a road train that:
  - a) does not exceed 53.5m in length; and
  - b) does not exceed the mass limits set in section 9; and
  - c) apart from the conditions in a) and b), meets the definition of a Type-2 road train under section 6 of the National Class 2 Road Train Authorisation Notice.
- 3) This Notice applies to a heavy vehicle that is:
  - a) transporting goods from Western Australia to South Australia along the routes specified in section 10; or
  - b) making a return journey along the route specified in section 10 from South Australia to Western Australia after completing a journey under a).
- 4) This Notice only applies to a heavy vehicle operating in the stated route set out in section 10.
- 5) A heavy vehicle to which this section applies is an eligible vehicle.

## 8. Exemption – Prescribed mass requirements

- 1) An eligible vehicle is exempt from the following mass requirements under Schedule 1 of the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass Dimension and Loading) National Regulation* (MDL Regulation):
  - a) section 4 – Mass limits for a single axle or axle group
- 2) An exemption in 1) only applies to the extent provided by specific conditional mass limits in sections 9 of this Notice, or in a Schedule.

## **9. Conditions – Mass (axle masses)**

- 1) An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice may not exceed the following mass limits relating to axles:
  - a) a tandem axle group – 17t
  - b) a tri-axle group – 22.5t.

## **10. Conditions – Areas and Routes**

- 1) For the purposes of section 121(1)(c) of the HVNL, a network set out in Schedule 1 is a stated area and route to which this authorisation Notice applies.
- 2) An eligible vehicle operating on an area or routes under this section must comply with the following conditions relevant to it:
  - a) Road conditions pursuant to section 160 of HVNL; and
  - b) Travel conditions pursuant to section 161 of the HVNL; and
  - c) Vehicle conditions pursuant to section 162 of the HVNL.

## **11. Conditions – Certified road-friendly suspension systems**

- 1) The following specified axle groups on eligible vehicles operating under this Notice must be fitted with the following when those axle groups exceed regulation mass limits:
  - a) for tandem axle groups – a certified road-friendly suspension system
  - b) for tri-axle groups – a certified road-friendly suspension system
- 2) Any system or equipment specified in this section must be functioning when an eligible vehicle is operating under this Notice.

## **12. Conditions – Mass Management Accreditation**

If an eligible vehicle operating under this Notice is fitted with a tri-axle group that exceeds regulation mass limits, the driver of the vehicle must hold mass management accreditation for the vehicle.

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**National Heavy Vehicle Regulator**

## Schedule 1 Stated Routes and Areas

### 1. Condition – Routes

Pursuant to section 10 of this Notice, an eligible vehicle may operate on the following network published by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator:

*Supplementary Access (Western Australia Assistance)*

*Note: the network above is published on the NHVR's Portal under the Route Planner Tool.*

*the network listed above contains road and travel conditions for specified sections of road that are conditions of this Notice for the purpose of section 10(2).*

### 2. Condition – Continuity of route

An eligible vehicle must follow the route specified in section 1 of this Schedule from the route's start point to its end point.

*Note: Regardless of any conditions of this Notice or a route published in this Schedule, all official traffic signs must be complied with.*

*Caution to be taken at the intersection of Eyre Hwy from Lincoln Hwy. A left turn cannot be commenced until intersection is clear.*

*Rail clearance should be obtained prior to travel pursuant to Australian Rail Track Corporation requirements.*