



HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW

Tasmania Class 3 Transport of Export Freight Containers Mass Exemption Notice 2024 (No.1)

1. Purpose

This Notice grants exemptions from mass requirements for a class 3 heavy vehicle that is carrying freight containers containing perishable foodstuff for export.

2. Authorising provision

- 1) This Notice is made under the following provision of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL):
 - a) section 117 – *Regulator’s power to exempt category of class 1 or 3 heavy vehicles from compliance with mass or dimension requirement.*

3. Title

This exemption Notice may be cited as the *Tasmania Class 3 Transport Export Freight Containers Mass Exemption Notice 2024 (No.1)*.

4. Commencement date

This Notice commences on 10 February 2024.

5. Expiry date

This Notice expires on 9 February 2029.

6. Definitions

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

7. Application

- 1) This exemption notice applies to a class 3 heavy combination that is transporting perishable foodstuff for export.
- 2) This exemption notice applies to a heavy combination consisting of a:
 - a) prime mover with a single steer axle and a tandem drive axle; and a
 - b) semi-trailer with a tri-axle group.
- 3) This exemption notice only applies to a heavy combination transporting a freight container not exceeding 12.2m in length.
- 4) This notice applies in Tasmania.
- 5) A heavy combination to which this section applies and that complies with the conditions of this notice 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 2 – Mass limits for a single vehicle or combination
 - b) section 4 – Mass limits for a single axle or axle group
 - c) section 5 – Mass limits relating to axle spacing generally
- 2) An exemption in 1) only applies to an eligible vehicle to the extent that specific conditional mass limits are provided in sections 9 and 10 of this notice.
- 3) In any case, any additional or conditional mass allowed under this Notice may not exceed manufacturer mass limits pursuant to section 8 of the MDL Regulation.

9. Conditions – Mass (total mass of an eligible vehicle)

An eligible vehicle must not exceed 47.5t.

10. Conditions – Mass (Mass limits for types of axle groups)

- 1) On an eligible vehicle, an axle group described in Column 1 of Table 2 must not exceed the mass listed in Column 2.

Table 1: Maximum masses for axle groups

Column 1	Column 2
Axle Group	Maximum mass (t)
Single steer axle	6.0t
Tandem drive axle group	18.5t
Tri-axle group	22.5t

- 2) An eligible vehicle with a complying steer axle may add 0.5t to the maximum mass listed in column 2 of Table 1.
- 3) On an eligible vehicle, all axle groups must be fitted with dual tyres, other than the steer axle.

11. Condition – Mass management accreditation

The operator of an eligible vehicle must hold mass management accreditation for the vehicle.

12. Condition – Road-friendly suspension system

All axles of the combination, other than the steer axle, must be equipped with a certified road-friendly suspension system.

13. Condition – Container declaration documentation

- 1) Each freight container must be accompanied by documentation specifying:
 - a) the origin and destination of the container; and
 - b) the nature of the commodity in the container.

14. Condition – Stated areas or routes

- 1) Pursuant to the authorisation granted in section 8 of this notice, an eligible vehicle may operate in the areas and on the routes specified in this section.
- 2) An eligible vehicle complying with the conditions of this notice is authorised to operate on route provided in the following network

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- 3) For the purposes of section 119(1)(a) of the HVNL, the route specified in this section is a route to which this notice applies.
- 4) An eligible vehicle operating on the route specified in this section must comply with any of the following conditions prescribed for that route:
 - a) Road conditions pursuant to section 160 of the HVNL; and
 - b) Travel conditions pursuant to section 161 of the HVNL; and
 - c) Vehicle conditions pursuant to section 162 of the HVNL.

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