

Information Sheet

Bundaberg Region Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle (5.0m wide) Dimension Exemption (Notice) 2015 (No.1)

Purpose

This information sheet complements the *Bundaberg Region Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle (5.0m wide) Dimension Exemption (Notice) 2015 (No.1)* which sets out new conditions for agricultural vehicles up to 5.0m wide travelling on minor roads within the Bundaberg region.

Introduction

Travel by oversized agricultural vehicles in Queensland is generally regulated by a set of guidelines called Form 14. Under those guidelines, Queensland is divided into three Zones, each with its own travel conditions. The areas with the highest traffic volumes and the most highways and major roads are described as Zone 1. Bundaberg lies within Zone 1, so Zone 1 travel conditions apply across the whole of the Bundaberg region, including farming areas.

Bundaberg Council has assessed local road conditions, and found that agricultural productivity could be promoted, without impacting public safety, by varying some of the requirements of Form 14 for oversized agricultural vehicles when they are travelling on minor roads.

This Notice effectively removes the Zone 1 conditions set out in Form 14 and applies the less stringent Zone 2 conditions instead to minor roads.

Area of Operation

The Notice permits travel on a minor road in the Bundaberg region only.

A minor road is any road other than a critical road (red) or a major road (blue) marked on the Critical Areas and Roads in Queensland Map at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/business-industry/Heavy-vehicles/Heavy-vehicle-guidelines-and-class-permits

Type of Vehicle

The Notice applies to agricultural vehicles or combinations that are over 3.5m in width, but no wider than 5.0m.

“Agricultural Vehicles” includes harvesters, tractors, field bins, augers and other machines or implements built to perform agricultural tasks.

An “Agricultural Combination” means a combination consisting of at least 1 agricultural vehicle where either the hauling unit or the towed vehicle is a heavy vehicle.

Form 14 also limits the height of a vehicle to 5.0m and states length and rear overhang limits for different kinds of vehicles.

Conditions

The conditions of travel are those in Form 14 that would apply if the agricultural vehicle were over 3.7m wide, and travelling in Zone 2.

Some key conditions include:

- Trips longer than 3km require an Agricultural Pilot
- No night time travel
- No travel where visibility is less than 250m
- Maximum speed of 50 kph, unless a road sign indicates a lower speed
- Driver must pull over, where practicable, if there is a build-up of traffic behind

Form 14 also sets out detailed conditions covering, among other things, the choice of route, the use of escorts or pilots, the use of warning lights and devices and compliance with loading standards.

It is the responsibility of the person participating in the movement of a vehicle under this Notice to identify and comply with all relevant provisions in Form 14 at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/business-industry/Heavy-vehicles/Heavy-vehicle-guidelines-and-class-permits

There is no requirement to carry a copy of the Notice or this information sheet in the vehicle.

Related Exemptions

An agricultural vehicle or combination that is wider than 2.5m and not wider than 3.5m may operate under the Zone 1 requirements in Form 14 on any road in the Bundaberg region.

An agricultural vehicle or combination that is wider than 3.5m and not wider than 4.0m operating on a **major or critical road** may operate under the *Queensland Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle (Zone 1) Dimension Exemption (Notice) 2015* in the Bundaberg region.

Table 1 - Bundaberg Region Access Arrangements Summary

Road Type	Width of Vehicle		
	2.5-3.5m	3.5-4.0m	4.0-5.0m
Critical Road	Form 14	Qld Class 1 Notice	Permit Required
Major Road	Form 14	Qld Class 1 Notice	Permit Required
Minor Road	Form 14	Bundaberg 5.0m Notice	Bundaberg 5.0m Notice

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