

Chick Pea Exports for 2016/17 Season by Non-PBS A-doubles Information Sheet – October 2016

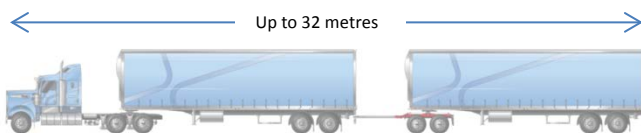
This document provides an overview of the application process and associated policy for obtaining permits for the operation of non-PBS A-double combinations transporting containerised chick peas for export to the Port of Brisbane (PoB).

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and the Department Agriculture and Fisheries have been working closely with industry in developing strategies to support the movement of the extra-large crop being experienced in the Southern and Central Qld regions. This situation will place significant demands on heavy vehicle operators and the existing PBS fleet capacity to meet the export demands from mid-November 2016 to mid-January 2017. Accordingly, given the circumstances and the importance of export success to growers and Qld's economy, non-PBS vehicles will be considered to support the current PBS fleet of A-doubles transporting chick peas for a limited timeframe.

In considering the decision for access the NHVR Approved Guidelines for Granting Access was taken into regard to facilitate the increased chick pea crops for the 2016/17 season.

What vehicles are covered?

This information is specific to the operation of non-PBS approved A-doubles consisting of a prime mover towing two tri axle skeletal trailers, connected by a two axle convertor dolly with a combination length up to 32 metres, operating up to General Mass Limits.



As the combinations under this policy are not subject to PBS scheme approval, the vehicle must undergo assessment against the PBS safety standards undertaken by an authorised PBS assessor. At a minimum the combinations would be required to meet Level 2 PBS safety standards.

What loads are covered?

This policy covers the transportation of two (2), 20 foot shipping containers loaded with chick peas to the PoB and a return trip with up to four (4) empty 20 foot shipping containers.

Operation by State

Queensland

In Qld, access is facilitated by way of a permit issued by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.

Conditions of Operation:

- The operator must be accredited in NHVAS Mass Management Scheme and the vehicles participating in the scheme.
- The combination is not permitted to travel between the hours of 6.00 am to 9.00 am and 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm weekdays within the Brisbane Metro area.
- The vehicle gross mass and axle mass limits are limited to the General Mass Limits and Gross Combination Mass Limit of 79 tonnes (or 79.5 tonnes with 6.5 tonnes front steer exemption) under the HVNL.
- The maximum combination must be no more than 32 metres in length.
- The operator is to provide weekly trip reports with a copy of all the container mass declarations to TMR.
- A "Long Vehicle" sign must be displayed on the rear of the vehicle.
- The combination is not to exceed a speed of 90 km/h or the lesser of the signed speed limits.
- A payload management procedure in place to achieve and maintain correct payload heights inside the containers.

Areas of Operation:

- Access is limited to individual routes and the NHVR will be required to obtain the consent of the relevant road managers who may potentially impose further conditions.

Other States and Territories

This policy does not apply in other states or territories.

How do I apply?

The operator will be required to provide a PBS assessment undertaken by an authorised PBS assessor. The list of PBS assessors can be found on NHVR's website, under the 'PBS useful contacts' link (<https://www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/performance-based-standards/pbs-useful-contacts>). The assessment must include the identification (registration number) of each prime mover and trailer that is to be covered by the assessment and maximum payload heights relevant to meeting PBS Level 2 safety standards.

TMR will require axle group spacing information of each individual combination. This information is to be provided in a separate document to the PBS assessment information. Example of the detail required for axle spacing information can be seen below in figure 1.

To apply for new a permit:

1. Go to <https://www.service.nhvr.gov.au> and if not already registered, follow the prompts to set up an account.
2. Once registered, from the home screen, click on the 'Permit Applications' tile in the centre of the top row.
3. Click on the 'New Application' button (on the right) and enter a permit name or reference for your application.
4. Click on the green 'Select Configuration' button and then click on the heading 'Road Train (Inc. HML).

5. Select the image that represents 'A doubles' at the top of the list.
6. Click on the radio button to select 'Class 2 - A doubles', then 'Height - Up to 4.3m', then 'Length - Up to 36.5m (Type 1)'
7. In the 'Freight' section, click on the radio button for 'Commodity' then type in the 'Description of load - Chick Peas'
8. In the 'Permit Scheme' section, type in 'Chick Pea Policy' in the 'Permit Schemes' field.
9. On the 'Route / area details' page, click the 'Route Type - Single Route' radio button then enter your route ID. If you do not have a route ID, click on the 'Create New Route' button and follow the prompts to create your journey.
10. On the 'Period' page, you will be prompted to enter the required permit period. This should be for a period ranging no later than the end of January 2017.
11. On the 'Attachments' page, you will need to upload a copy of your completed PBS assessment and a document showing individual combination axle spacing information.
12. Follow the prompts to confirm your contact details and complete payment for your application.

For More Information

If you have any questions about the Chick Pea Policy or non-PBS approved A-doubles, please contact the NHVR on 1300 MYNHVR (1300 696 487) or at info@nhvr.gov.au.

Figure 1 Example Axle Spacing Information Diagram

