

# Information Sheet

## Victoria Class 1 Emergency Management Mass & Dimension Exemption Notice 2017

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### The Notice

VicRoads, in conjunction with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), Emergency Management Services and the Country Fire Authority, has drafted a new notice to facilitate the movement of OSOM vehicles when responding to an Emergency. This is the *Victoria Class 1 Emergency Management Mass & Dimension Exemption Notice* (the Notice).

This Notice exempts specified categories of heavy vehicles from prescribed mass and dimension requirements. This exemption means that they may participate in emergency management operations while under direction from Victorian emergency services in accordance with the State Emergency Response Plan and the Emergency Management Manual Victoria (EMMV).

This Notice replaces the *Victorian Class 1 Vehicles Operating When Responding to an Emergency Mass & Dimension Exemption (Notice) 2014 (2014 Notice)*.

### Eligible Vehicles

Eligible vehicle means a heavy vehicle or heavy vehicle combination that is:

1. A special purpose heavy vehicle used for emergency management; or
2. A load carrying heavy vehicle transporting indivisible items consisting of vehicles, equipment or plant used for emergency management.

### Maximum Dimensions

The Notice exempts vehicles from regulation dimension requirements and replaces them with the following exemptions to widths and dimensions.

Mass	Length	Width	Height
Under 46 tonnes	19.0 metres	3.0 metres	4.5 metres
Over 46 tonnes	26.0 metres	4.0 metres	5.0 metres

### Maximum Mass by Axle Spacing

The mass on an axle or axle group of the prime mover, dolly or trailer in an eligible vehicle must not be more than the mass limit for the axle group configuration as stated in the below table.

Total axle mass of an axle or axle group of the prime mover, dolly or trailer	
Steer axle with 2 tyres	6.0 tonnes*
Tandem axle group on a prime mover, dolly or trailer with 4 tyres	18.5 tonnes
Single dolly with 4 tyres	9.0 tonnes
Tandem axle group on a dolly or a trailer with a 1.8m axle spacing with 4 tyres per axle	21.5 tonnes
Tri-axle group on a trailer with 1.2m axle spacings with 4 tyres per axle	25.0 tonnes
Tri-axle group on a trailer with 1.8m axle spacings with 4 tyres per axle	27.0 tonnes
Quad axle group on a trailer with 1.2, axle spacings with 4 tyres per axle	30.0 tonnes
Quad axle group on a trailer with 1.2, 2.4, 1.2m axle spacings with 4 tyres per axle	35.0 tonnes

**(\*)Complying steer axle vehicles may operate at an additional 0.5t.**

## Maximum Gross Combination Mass

The total laden mass of a vehicle operating under this notice must not exceed **78.5 tonnes**.

## Approved areas and routes

A vehicle that complies with this notice and operates at an overall combination of less than 46.0 tonnes may only use the approved routes, and the approved routes with conditions, on the map titled “Victorian Emergency Response Heavy Vehicle Network (46 tonne, 3 metre wide & 4.5 metres high)”.

A vehicle that complies with this notice and operates at an overall combination mass of more than 46.0 tonnes may only use the approved routes, and the approved routes with conditions, on the map titled “Victorian Emergency Response Heavy Vehicle Network (78 tonne, 5 metre wide/high & 26 metre long)”.

Network Maps will be found at:

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/business-and-industry/heavy-vehicle-industry/heavy-vehicle-map-networks-in-victoria>.

## Contact the NHVR

If operators have any queries about this notice, the NHVR may be contacted using the details below.

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