



Message from the CEO

Welcome to this fortnight's edition of *On the Road*.

As businesses that make up the heavy vehicle supply chain prepare for changes to Chain of Responsibility laws to take effect later this year, it's important to remember that a diverse range of industries have a role to play.

Not least of these are Australia's primary producers, an important party in the heavy vehicle supply chain. Primary producers tend to be owner/drivers or a business that contracts operators to move products or stock to or from a property.

Many primary producers that contract an operator already have systems in place that meet existing Workplace Health and Safety laws and therefore will align with the safety needs of their transport partners.

At the very least both the operator and the transport company should have a conversation to ensure that both parties are satisfied that any safety concerns have been addressed.

The NHVR has held several discussions recently with primary producer groups to help them better understand the changes to the CoR laws.

Our focus is to ensure heavy vehicle safety across the entire industry, and we'll continue to work with businesses, including primary producers to ensure they are meeting their obligations.

Regards, Sal Petrocchio
CEO, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

Revised Load Restraint Guide now available

The National Transport Commission (NTC) has completed a review of the *Load Restraint Guide 2nd Edition 2004* and has now published the revised *Load Restraint Guide 2018* on its website.

The NTC consulted extensively with the NHVR, transport industry, load restraint experts, road transport agencies, police and other stakeholders to ensure a high quality review was performed.

The *Load Restraint Guide 2018* provides accurate and up-to-date information and reflects load restraint practices and heavy vehicle designs, such as Load Rated Curtain Systems and other technologies that have evolved since the publication of the Guide in 2004.

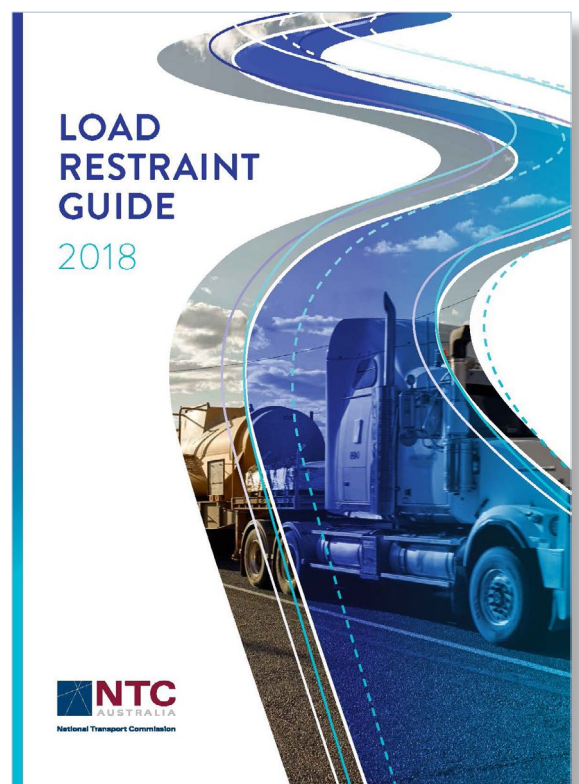
The information in the Guide is in a format that is easy to access and understand and designed to meet the needs of the target audience. The information is based on the key steps involved in transporting loads to assist heavy vehicle drivers, operators and other parties to develop load restraint systems to suit their individual requirements.

You can access the guide on the NTC website at: www.ntc.gov.au/heavy-vehicles/rules-compliance

Further information including frequently asked questions can be found on the NHVR

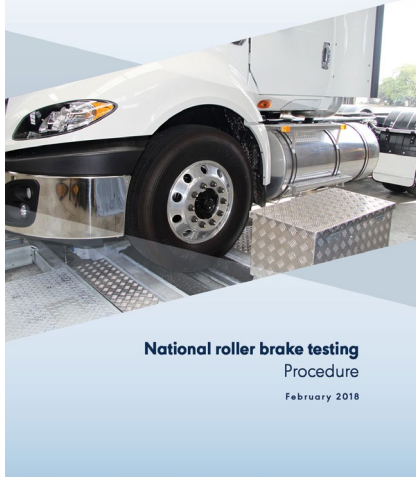
website at: www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/mass-dimension-and-loading/loading

To provide heavy vehicle drivers, operators and other parties with information about HVNL loading requirements, the NHVR has produced a heavy vehicle loading requirements bulletin. This can be found on the NHVR website at: www.nhvr.gov.au/safety-accreditation-compliance/on-road-compliance-and-enforcement/compliance-and-enforcement



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National roller brake testing
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New roller brake testing procedure gets green light

New roller brake testing procedures commenced across Australia on 1 February following industry-wide consultation into brake testing methods and actual vehicle brake testing studies.

NHVR Chief Engineer Les Bruzsa said the new procedure followed extensive consultation with manufacturers, Australian Trucking Association, Truck Industry Council, Heavy Vehicle Industry Australia and NSW Roads and Maritime Services.

"The national brake testing standard of 45 per cent g, or 4.4kN/t, was released as part of the National Heavy Vehicle Inspection Manual in 2016," Mr Bruzsa said.

"The NHVR has worked closely with Roads and Maritime Services and the heavy vehicle industry to look at why some roller brake testing methods deliver differing results, when compared to other in-service brake testing methods.

"The working group has now developed the national roller brake testing procedure with machines used by state jurisdictions to be updated over the next 12 months.

"The working group has focused on identifying issues and delivering a robust procedure that will be effective for all vehicle types using current roller brake testing infrastructure."

The new national roller brake test procedure will require software updates to roller brake test machines, with initial updates to occur over the next 12 months.

An initial three-month start-up period including information, training and minor equipment changes for state jurisdictions is underway.

Heavy vehicle inspections will continue under the current arrangements until May 1 after which all tests will be performed using either the national roller brake testing procedure or the alternative phase in procedure.

For roller brake testing machines operated by accredited third party examiners (commonly known as Authorised Inspection Stations) machines will be updated as part of routine servicing over the next 12 months and the new national procedure adopted once the machine is updated.

Visit www.nhvr.gov.au/nrbt

NHVR Truck Driver Information Day at Wacol

NHVR's driver information day at Wacol on Tuesday 6 February was a huge success with a diverse range of drivers and operators stopping to chat.

NHVR Stakeholder Specialist Jason Stewart said topics of interest ranged from Chain of Responsibility to the new load restraint guide and oversize over mass.

"I was impressed with the broad range of topics and conversations we covered and that were obviously of interest," said Jason.



NHVR's Stakeholder Engagement Specialist Jason Stewart (centre), chats with Ian, Training Manager from Suez Waste Management (left), and Kevin, Transport Manager, Lindsay Transport.

Next truckie info day at Goondiwindi

Come and join the NHVR, RMS and TMR at the next truckie info day at the BP bridge garage truck stop at Goondiwindi!

We'll be there on Tuesday 13 February from 3pm till late, to answer questions about access, CoR or any other heavy vehicle queries. There will be no enforcement at the site.



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When applying for a new application, renewal or amendment (after checking your notices and gazettes!), select 'access permits' and then select 'Application Tracker'. From here you will be able to lodge, renew and amend your permits, along with a history of your previous permits.

Happy logging! [Access the Portal here](#)

CoR Gap Assessment Tool

The CoR Gap Assessment Tool is an easy way for you to examine your business practices against known risks to ensure you comply with amended Chain of Responsibility laws coming in mid 2018. The Tool then generates a list of recommendations and identifies what you should be doing to ensure compliance.

[Find out how more here.](#)