

Information Sheet

National Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle and Combination Mass and Dimension Exemption Notice 2019

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide information about the National Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle and Combination Mass and Dimension Exemption Notice 2019 (the Notice), and to provide information on the road manager consent process for the Notice.

What are the current access arrangements?

Currently, different access arrangements exist across Australia for agricultural vehicles and combinations that exceed the mass and dimension requirements of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) and the Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation (MDL Regulation).

The authorisation instruments for each state and territory are listed in Table 1.

It is important to note that the agricultural vehicles and combinations, that exceed the mass and dimension requirements of the HVNL and MDL Regulation, are already operating on your roads under existing legislated exemptions.

Table 1: Current legal instruments governing the movement of agricultural vehicles and combinations in Australia

Australian Capital Territory	No authorisation instrument currently exists in the Australian Capital Territory that governs the travel of oversize or overmass agricultural vehicles and combinations.
New South Wales	<p><i>New South Wales Class 1 Agricultural Machine Combination Exemption Notice 2017 (No.1)</i></p> <p><i>New South Wales Class 1 Agricultural Vehicles (Notice) 2015 (No. 1)</i></p> <p><i>New South Wales Class 1 Heavy Vehicle Combine Harvester Combination Exemption Notice 2015 (No. 1)</i></p> <p><i>New South Wales Class 1 Heavy Vehicle Grain Auger Combination Exemption Notice 2015 (No. 1)</i></p>
Queensland	<p><i>Guideline for excess dimension agricultural vehicles and agricultural combinations, Form 14, Version – including Amendment Notice 2019 (No. 1).</i></p> <p><i>Queensland Agricultural Machines and Cane Bins Flotation Tyres Mass Exemption Notice 2017 (No. 1)</i></p> <p><i>Queensland Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle (Coastal Zone 1) Dimension Exemption Notice 2016 (No. 1)</i></p> <p><i>Queensland Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle (Northern Coastal Zone 1) Dimension Exemption Notice 2016 (No. 1)</i></p> <p><i>Queensland Class 1 Comb Trailer Dimension Exemption Notice 2017 (No. 1)</i></p> <p><i>Queensland Class 1 Heavy Vehicles (Cotton Harvester) Mass and Dimension Exemption Notice 2017 (No.1)</i></p> <p><i>Queensland Class 1 Cotton Harvest Derestriction Notice 2017 (No. 1)</i></p> <p><i>Queensland Heavy Vehicle Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle (Bundaberg Region 5.0m wide) Dimension Exemption Notice 2017 (No. 1)</i></p>
South Australia	<p><i>South Australia Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle Mas and Dimension Exemption Notice 2019 (No.1)</i></p> <p><i>Code of practice for oversize or overmass agricultural vehicles</i></p> <p><i>South Australia Class 1 Rubber Tracked Tractor Mass and Dimension Exemption Notice 2019</i></p> <p><i>Code of Practice for Rubber Tracked Tractors</i></p>
Tasmania	<i>Tasmania Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle Dimension Exemption Notice 2016 (No.1)</i>
Victoria	<i>Victoria Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle Exemption Notice 2018 (No.3)</i>

What is changing?

A single Notice will replace current access arrangements. The Notice introduces a modernised and simplified set of national standards based on research conducted by Austroads and was developed in partnership with industry and state and territory road transport authorities in the Australian Capital Territory; New South Wales; Queensland; South Australia; Tasmania; and Victoria.

What are the benefits of the Notice?

The Notice will replace existing access arrangements, harmonise mass and dimension limits and operating conditions, and reduce duplication and inconsistencies across state and territory borders.

The Notice introduces vehicle standards and operating conditions to improve road safety. This includes conditions relating to maximum operating speed, setting a maximum mass and dimension limit, vehicle standards that meet the Australian Design Rules, warning signs and lights, and pilot and escort requirements.

The improvement of the regulatory environment governing agricultural vehicle and combination operation on public roads will improve the productivity of Australia's farming industry, provide increased support for drought-affected communities, and improve road safety and infrastructure protection.

The Notice

The Notice outlines the eligible vehicles, mass and dimension limits, approved areas and routes, and operating conditions (such as pilot vehicle requirements).

The Notice works in conjunction with the National Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle and Combination Mass and Dimension Exemption Notice Operator's Guide (the Guide) and the Agricultural Heavy Vehicle Map (the Map).

[The Notice can be found on the NHVR website](#) (please click on the hyperlink to access the Notice).

The Guide and the Map

The Guide and the Map outlines road and travel conditions that are not prescribed or specified in the Notice.

[The Guide can be found on the NHVR website](#) (please click on the hyperlink to access the Guide).

[The Map can be found on the NHVR website](#) (please click on the hyperlink to access the Map).

Zones

The Notice grants eligible agricultural vehicles and combinations access to Zones. Zones are indicated in the Map and are an area of operation, and agricultural vehicles and combinations must comply with the dimension limits for the Zone of travel. The Notice outlines mass limits, and these mass limits apply to all Zones.

Proposed Zones

The proposed Zones in Australia can be found on the [Map on the NHVR website](#) (please click on the hyperlink to access the map). These Zones have been determined by the NHVR, the relevant road transport authorities in each state and territory, and in consultation with industry.

Consent Process

Because this is a new notice, Part 4.7 of the HVNL requires that the NHVR obtains consent from all affected road managers for the operation of eligible agricultural vehicles and combinations under the Notice.

The NHVR will send all road managers a consent form to sign and return.

In this same email, road managers will also find the Guide, the link to the Map and an Information Sheet explaining the consent process.

As access under the Notice is not provided unless consent is received, the NHVR requests local government support to provide a timely and informed response, to improve the productivity and efficiency of Australia's farming industry, and to improve road safety and infrastructure protection.

The official closing date for providing consent is 28 days from the date road managers receive the consent request, as per the requirements of the HVNL.

Contact the NHVR

Please direct any enquiries to RMconsent@nhvr.gov.au or call the road manager hotline on 1300 880 493.