Information Sheet

New South Wales Class 3 Heavy Vehicle Rear Overhang Limit Dimension Exemption Notice 2019 (No. 1)

Purpose

This Notice allows an increase to rear overhang limits specified in the Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation (MDL Regulation).

This Notice only applies in New South Wales, to class 3 vehicles with a forklift truck attached to the rear of the truck or trailer.

Applicable Vehicles

This Notice applies to:

- a truck or trailer;
- that exceeds 9.5m in length (excluding any load);
- has a forklift truck attached to the rear of the truck or trailer; and
- the forklift is for the sole purpose of loading and unloading goods on and off the truck or trailer.

What has changed?

Rear Overhang

The Notice allows for a 300mm increase to MDL Regulation overhang limits.

That is, rigid trucks, semi-trailers, dog trailers and pig trailers can now have an overhang limit of up to 4m (up from 3.7m).

Length

The Notice does not allow for an increase to the combination length.

That is, while the rear overhang has increased, truck and combination length requirements have remained the same.

For example:

A combination (other than a B-double, road train or a combination with 2 decks for carrying vehicles) must not be longer than 19m, but may have a rear overhang of up to 4m if it meets the conditions of the Notice.

Operators must ensure that their truck or trailer still complies with the length requirements listed in MDL Regulation.

For applicable rigid vehicles, the total length must be less than 12.5m.

For applicable combinations, the total length must be less than 19.0m.

Routes

The notice doesn’t apply any restrictions on access, however any other applicable restrictions under other notices or permits will continue to apply. This includes any prohibitions based on load limits specified for a road, bridge or causeway by a sign or notice.
Conditions

Any forklift truck attached to the rear of a truck or trailer may project more than 1.2 metres to the rear of the truck or trailer if there is—

- During the daytime – a brightly coloured red, red and yellow or yellow flag at least 300 mm by 300 mm is fixed to the extreme back of the load; or
- At night – a light showing a clear red light to the back, visible at a distance of at least 200 m, is fixed to the extreme back of the load.

A number plate must be clearly visible from the rear of the truck or trailer at all times.

If the number plate on the rear of the truck or trailer is obscured by the forklift truck, and the fork lift truck is conditionally registered, the number plate of the fork lift truck must be clearly visible from the rear of the vehicle.

If the number plate on the rear of the truck or trailer is obscured by the forklift truck and the fork lift truck is not conditionally registered, the number plate of the truck or trailer must be relocated so that it is clearly visible from the rear of the vehicle.

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