

South Australia Heavy Vehicle Farm Gate Grain Transport Mass Exemption Notice 2020 (No.1)

Purpose

This information sheet provides advice to vehicle operators about the requirements for operating under the *South Australia Heavy Vehicle Farm Gate Grain Transport Mass Exemption Notice 2020* (the Notice).

The 2020 amendments to this Notice incorporate the operation of heavy vehicles at General Mass Limits that were previously referenced in the *2011 Heavy Vehicle Transport Off-Farm Grain Carriers' Code of Practice* developed by the South Australian Road Transport Association.

Conditions of Operation

The Notice provides for the loaded mass of a heavy vehicle to exceed the normal mass limit applicable to the vehicle / combination up to 105% for the first and second load carried by the heavy vehicle from a given paddock on a given day.

If the first load carried on a heavy vehicle from a given paddock on a given day is more than 100% of the normal mass limit, the mass of the second load (carried by the same heavy vehicle from the same paddock on the same day) must be less than the first load.

In addition to this, all subsequent loads must comply with the normal mass limits that apply to the heavy vehicle.

Normal mass limits are those set out in Schedule 1 – General Mass Limits, Schedule 2 – Concessional Mass Limits of the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass Dimension and Loading) National Regulation* or the primary notices that apply to a vehicle's operation.

The exemption only applies in South Australia and is applicable to heavy vehicles transporting grain from the farm gate to a grain receiver when operating at:

- General Mass Limits; or
- Concessional Mass limits; or
- Higher Mass Limits under *the South Australia Class 3 (Application of Higher Mass Limits) Mass Exemption Notice 2020*; or
- The mass limits specified in a primary notice.

Note: primary notice means the notice that applies to the operation of the vehicle, if it is not a general access vehicle operating at General Mass Limits.

All heavy vehicles operating under this Notice must comply with any conditions that apply to the operation of the vehicle under the HVNL or the primary notice applicable to the vehicle, including route and/or area restrictions.

This Notice does not exempt any parties from obligations in relation to Chain of Responsibility requirements under the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL), load restraint or any other mass and dimension requirements under the HVNL.

Loading practices in the paddock must make reasonable efforts to avoid overloading above the normal mass limits that apply, noting that grain receivers may impose their own conditions in relation to receipt of grain that are independent of this Notice.

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