

Information Sheet – South Australia Class 3 Converter Dolly, Articulated and B-Double Livestock Loading Mass Exemption and Single Deck Vehicle Carrier Notices 2020

Purpose

This information sheet outlines what is covered under each of these notices, which were redrafted in February 2019 to ensure access to the South Australian road network is maintained and the conditions that apply to the operation of vehicles operating under these notices are consistent with the *Heavy Vehicle National Law* (HVNL).

Converter Dolly Mass and Dimension Exemption Notice

This notice allows the operation of the below vehicle combinations that are exempted from the stated mass and dimensions in Schedule 1 and 6 of the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation*.

Articulated motor vehicle towing an unladen converter dolly (with single axle, tandem axle or tri-axle group)

Length

- Should not exceed 19m
- Not to exceed 26m with Converter Dolly.

Mass

The mass of the articulated motor vehicle and converter dolly combination must not exceed the mass limits applying to the articulated motor vehicle plus the mass of the unladen converter dolly.

Area of operation

Travel on Road Train Converter Dolly (GML) network listed on the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) RAVnet Map system.

B-double towing an unladen converter dolly (with single axle, tandem axle or tri-axle group)

Length

- Should not exceed 26m
- Not to exceed 32m with converter dolly.

Mass

The mass of the B-double and converter dolly combination must not exceed the mass limits applying to the B-double plus the mass of the unladen converter dolly.

Area of operation

Travel on '36.5m Road Train (GML)' network listed on the DPTI RAVnet Map system.

Articulated Motor Vehicle and B-Double Livestock Loading Mass Exemption Notice

This notice exempts the mass stated in Schedule 1 of the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation* and length for B-doubles (up to 27.5m).

The notice only applies to load consisting of livestock (cattle, sheep, pigs, horses, goats or other livestock).

Semitrailers must be fitted with tri-axle group.

Mass

- Articulated motor vehicles consisting of a prime mover towing one semitrailer should not exceed Gross Combination Mass (GCM) of 48.3t.
- B-double GCM not to exceed 73.3t.

Area of operation

- An articulated motor vehicle may use all roads in South Australia, except as limited under the *Information Bulletin – Area or Routes of Operation – Livestock Loading Mass Exemption*.
- B-double combinations may use 26m B-double (GML) networks listed on DPTI RAVnet map system except the below:
 - B-double Commodity Routes
 - any routes listed in the *Adelaide Hills Area, specified in the Approved Areas or Routes* on DPTI's website www.sa.gov.au/heavyvehicles
 - any other routes restricted by the *Information Bulletin – Area or Route Routes of operation –*

Livestock Loading Mass Exemption published on DPTI's website www.sa.gov.au/heavyvehicles.

- 27.5m B-doubles can only travel on below specified route and return via the same:
 - Eyre Highway from the Western Australia Border to Port Augusta
 - Victoria Parade, Port Augusta
 - Augusta Highway
 - Port Wakefield Highway to the intersection of Carslake Road and into Carslake Road, Dublin.

23m Single Deck Vehicle Carrier Notice

The purpose of this notice is to exempt the dimension limits of single deck vehicle carrier combinations. This vehicle cannot operate at Concessional Mass Limits (CML).

The load must consist only of vehicles (e.g. boat carried on its dedicated trailer).

Long Vehicle sign must be displayed at the rear of the vehicle if the length exceeds 22m and should be in accordance with Clause 5(3) and 6 of the *Heavy Vehicle (Vehicle Standards) National Regulation*.

Definition

A combination consisting of a rigid truck fitted with a single steer axle and a single drive axle, and a trailer fitted with either a single axle or a tandem axle group where the trailer is designed to carry vehicles on a single deck.

Dimension limits

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| Length | Not to exceed 23m Vehicle carrier when retracted should not exceed 19m. |
| Rear overhang | Should not exceed 4.9m Can exceed 3.7m only if carrying a vehicle that is not a heavy vehicle |

Area of operation

Vehicles can only operate on 23m Vehicle Carrier (GML) network listed on DPTI RAVnet map system.

What has changed?

As of 1 August 2020, the requirement for Restricted Access Vehicles to undergo an annual inspection, or to be in the Maintenance Module of the National Heavy

Vehicle Accreditation Scheme, has been removed. This also removes the need for an inspection label.

What hasn't changed?

No changes have been made to access conditions, areas of use or vehicle standards except where specified above.

Operator compliance responsibility

While the new notice is not required to be carried under the HVNL, operators are encouraged to read and become familiar with the document as it is a legal requirement to comply with the conditions when operating under the notice.

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