Heavy Vehicle National Law

Queensland Class 1 Comb Trailer Dimension Exemption Notice 2017 (No. 1)

Statutory Instrument Series:
Class 1/3 Heavy Vehicle Exemption Notice - Mass Exemption

1. Purpose

1) The purpose of this notice is to exempt comb trailers from stated prescribed dimension requirements in Schedule 6 of the Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation.

2. Authorising Provision

This notice is made under section 117 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law.

3. Commencement

This notice commences on 1 July 2017.

4. Expiry

This notice expires on 30 June 2022.

5. Title

This notice may be cited as the Queensland Class 1 Comb Trailer Dimension Exemption Notice 2017.

6. Definitions

1) Unless otherwise stated, words and expressions used in this Notice have the same meanings as those defined in the HVNL.

2) In this Notice—

   comb trailer means a trailer specifically designed and constructed for transporting the comb (the reaping implement) of a combine harvester and associated equipment.

   combine harvester means a machine which simultaneously combines the operations of reaping, threshing and winnowing grain crops.

   Form 14 Guideline means the Guideline for Excess Dimension Agricultural Vehicles and Agricultural Combinations; Vehicle and Drivers Form Number 14, Version 4, October 2013.
7. Application
   1) This Notice applies to eligible vehicles in Queensland.
   2) This Notice applies to the movement of loaded and unloaded comb trailers.

8. Dimension Exemption
   A heavy vehicle operating under this Notice is exempted from the requirements included in Part 2 of Schedule 6 section 4 of the Heavy Vehicles (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation.

9. Condition – Identification plate
   A comb trailer must be fitted with an Identification Plate issued by the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development.

10. Operating Conditions
    1) While operating under this notice, a comb trailer loaded with a header comb—
        a) must comply with the Form 14 Guideline as it applies to agricultural vehicles, as defined under the Form 14 Guideline, except as otherwise provided by this notice; and
        b) may only be used to carry—
           i. the comb of a combine harvester; and
           ii. other items associated with the performance of the comb’s functions; and
           iii. and equipment used to repair agricultural vehicles; and
        c) must not, when being towed by an agricultural machine, exceed the comb trailer’s aggregate trailer mass and the tyre and axle manufacturer’s ratings; and
        d) must not, when being towed by a motor vehicle, exceed any of the following—
           i. the towing vehicle’s towing capacity;
           ii. the comb trailer’s aggregate trailer mass;
           iii. the comb trailer’s tyre and axle manufacturer’s ratings or towing mass ratios;
        and
        e) must not exceed 80km per hour.
11. Exclusion of prescribed conditions

The application of Schedule 8 of the National Regulation to this notice is expressly excluded.

12. Conditions-General

It is a condition of this exemption that the driver of a heavy vehicle operating under this exemption must keep in the driver’s possession a copy of this Notice and must produce the Notice to an authorised officer when requested.

13. Routes and Areas

A heavy vehicle operating under this Notice may operate on any route or in any area it would have been authorised to travel on under the Form 14 Guideline.

Dated: 21 June 2017

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National Heavy Vehicle Regulator