



Heavy Vehicle National Law

Queensland Class 1 Heavy Vehicle (Load Carrying) 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:

- a) to allow triaxle low loader trailers to exceed extreme axle dimensions for a conforming axle group; and
- b) to provide limited exemptions from prescribed mass requirements to allow the efficient operation of unladen load platform trailers under specified conditions.
- c) to exempt heavy vehicle combinations used to carry power poles 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 (HVNL)*.

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 Heavy Vehicle (Load Carrying) 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 National Heavy Vehicle Law.
- 2) In this Notice-

Electricity authority means a distribution entity under the Electricity Act 1994 (Qld).

Note- a distribution entity is a person who holds a distribution authority (s 36 EA 1994).

Form 4 Guideline means the Guideline for Excess Dimension: Vehicles Carrying Indivisible Articles; Special Purpose Vehicles and Vehicles that require a Pilot or Escort, in Queensland Form Number 4, Version 8, February 2013.

Load Platform Trailer means a trailer consisting of one or more modules having all of the following features:-

- a) At least five equally spaced rows of axles; and
- b) A minimum of 1.6m longitudinal spacing between axle rows; and
- c) At least eight tyres per axle row; and
- d) All axle rows are steerable.

The Regulation means The National Heavy Vehicle Regulation.

Pole Erecting Truck means a truck or a combination that is used for carrying and erecting power poles.

7. Routes and Areas

- 1) Vehicles operating under this Notice may operate on all roads in Queensland; and
- 2) Triaxle Low Loaders and Unladen Load Platform Trailers operating under this notice must comply with the following restrictions:
 - a) Those roads signed to restrict the use of a low loader combination; and
 - b) Any road where restricted by a weight restriction or mass permit condition imposed from time to time.

Part 1: Triaxle Low Loader Axle Dimension Exemption

8. Application- Triaxle Low Loader Axle Dimension Exemption

This Part applies to triaxle low loader trailers in Queensland.

9. Exemption- Triaxle Low Loader Axle Dimension Exemption

Vehicles operating under this Part are exempt from the 3.2m maximum horizontal distance between axles under the definition of “tri-axle” under section 5 of the *HVNL*.

10. Condition- Triaxle Low Loader Axle Dimension Exemption

- 1) Triaxle low loaders operating under this Part may exceed the extreme axle dimensions for a conforming axle group of 3.2m by up to 0.5m.
- 2) An axle group subject of this Part is a conforming axle group.

Part 2: Unladen Load Platform Trailer Dimension Exemption

11. Application- Unladen Load Platform Trailer

This Part applies to load platform trailers that are unladen.

12. Exemptions- Unladen Load Platform Trailer

- 1) Vehicles operating under this Part are exempted from the dimension requirement under Schedule 6, section 4(2)(b) of the Regulation.
- 2) Subject to 1) above, vehicles operating under this Part have the following dimension exemptions:
 - a) The distance from the kingpin or towing point to the rear of the trailer may exceed 12.3m; and
 - b) The deck length may exceed 13.7m in length.

13. Conditions- Unladen Load Platform Trailer

- 1) While operating under this Part, an unladen load platform trailer must
 - a) travel in its narrowest configuration; and
 - b) must not exceed 3.5m in width.
- 2) While operating under this Part, a heavy vehicle combination including an unladen load platform trailer must not exceed 35m in length.
- 3) While operating under this Part, a combination must comply with the operating conditions of the Form 4 Guideline.

Part 3: Pole Erecting Vehicles Dimension Exemption

14. Application- Pole Erecting Vehicles

This Part applies to a pole erecting truck operated by an electricity authority or their agent.

15. Dimension Exemptions- Pole Erecting Vehicles

Pole erecting trucks operating under this Notice are exempted from the dimension requirements for the length of a vehicle and trailers in section 3 and 5, Part 2 of Schedule 6 of the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation*.

16. Exclusion of prescribed conditions- Pole Erecting Vehicles

The application of Part 1 Division 1 of Schedule 8 of the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation* to this notice is expressly excluded.

17. Conditions - Dimensions- Pole Erecting Vehicles

- 1) While operating under this Notice, a heavy vehicle or combination must not exceed the following dimensions:
 - a) Pole erecting truck rear overhang not to exceed 3.5m;
 - b) The rear overhang of a pole trailer must not exceed 5m while carrying poles; and
 - c) A combination must not exceed 25m in length, when loaded with power poles.

18. General Conditions- Pole Erecting Vehicles

- 1) While operating under this Notice, a combination must comply with the operating conditions of the Form 4 Guideline.
- 2) It is a condition of this exemption that the driver must keep in the driver's possession a copy of this notice and must produce the notice to an authorised officer when requested.

Dated: 21 June 2017



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