



**Heavy Vehicle National Law
Victoria Class 1 Road Grader Mass and Dimension Exemption
Notice 2018 (No.1)**

1 Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to exempt certain class 1 special purpose vehicles that are road graders from relevant mass and dimension limits and operating requirements, and to specify the conditions and routes on which they may operate.

Note- This notice replaces the previous Notice as to Conditions of Travel and Route Restrictions for Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicles that are Road Graders published in the Victoria Government Gazette No. 5 30 Friday 1 February 2013.

2 Authorising Provision

This Notice is made under Section 117 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law.

3 Title

This Notice may be cited as the *Victoria Class 1 Road Grader Mass and Dimension Exemption Notice 2018*.

4 Commencement

This Notice commences on 1 February 2018.

5 Expiry

This Notice expires on 31 January 2023.

6 Definitions

- 1) Unless otherwise stated, words or expressions used in this Notice have the same meanings as in the HVNL or regulations made under the HVNL.
- 2) In this Notice —

Eligible Vehicle means a road grader or road grader towing one other vehicle.

Freeway has the same meaning as in the Road Management Act 2004 (Vic)

Zone 1 as indicated by the *Class 1 Oversize and Overmass Agricultural Vehicle network map*.

Restricted Route as indicated by the red roads on in the *Class 1 Oversize and Overmass Agricultural Vehicle network map*.

Travelling Mode means with the vehicle configured in a manner that minimizes the dimensions of the vehicle for the purpose of self-transportation on a public road.

7 Application

This Notice applies to an eligible vehicle operating in Victoria.

8 Condition – Stated areas and Routes

- 1) An eligible vehicle may operate on all roads in Victoria, except as noted below:
 - a) pursuant to the limits in s15, an eligible vehicle may not cross a restricted bridge as indicated by a red diamond in the *Class 1 Oversize and Overmass Agricultural Vehicle network map*; and
 - b) an eligible vehicle may not travel on a freeway.

Note:- under s11) specific width restrictions apply in Zone 1.

9 Exemption- Dimension Requirements

- 1) An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice is exempt from the following dimension requirements of Schedule 6 of the Heavy Vehicle (Mass Dimension and Loading) National Regulation (the National Regulation):
 - a) section 5 – Rear overhang; and
 - b) section 7(1) – Width.

10 Conditions – Dimensions (except in Zone 1)

- 1) An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice in any area other than Zone 1 must not exceed the following dimension requirements:
 - a) Width, when operating in travelling mode – 3.5m
 - b) Rear overhang, including rear attachment – 6.5m

11 Conditions – Dimensions (Zone 1)

- 1) An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice in Zone 1 must not exceed the following dimension requirements:
 - a) Width, when operating in travelling mode – 2.8m
 - b) Rear overhang, including rear attachment – 6.5m

12 Conditions – Forward projection in front of steering wheel

- 1) An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice must not have a projection in front of the centre of the steering of more than 3.5m

13 Exemption- Mass Requirements

- 1) An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice is exempt from the following mass requirements of Schedule 1 of the National Regulation:
 - a) Part 1 Section 2;
 - b) Part 2 Table 1 Axle Mass Limits Table.

14 Conditions – Mass limits on axle groups relating to tyre width

- 1) An eligible vehicle may operate at the masses indicated in Columns 2 and 3 of Table 1 below if the tyres on the vehicle meet the dimension requirements in Column 1:

Table 1: Tyre width mass limits

Column 1 Width of narrowest tyre on axle (mm)		Column 2 Mass limit for single axle with 2 tyres (tonnes)	Column 3 Mass limit for a tandem axle group with 4 tyres (tonnes)
At least	But less than		
356	381	8.0	16.0
381	406	9.0	16.5
406	431	10.0	17.0
431	458	10.0	17.5

- 2) Regardless of the masses in Table 1, the maximum mass on a steer axle is limited to 8t.
- 3) The mass limits in this section apply regardless of the mass limits in s13.

Note:- Certain restricted structures as indicated by a red diamond in the Class 1 Oversize and Overmass Agricultural Vehicle network map have special mass limits specified in s15 below.

15 Conditions – Mass limits for restricted structures

- 1) An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice crossing a Restricted Bridge listed in Appendix 1 to this notice must comply with the following mass limits:
 - a) axle with 2 tyres – 6.0 tonnes
 - b) tandem axle with 4 tyres – 11.0 tonnes
 - c) gross vehicle combination mass – 34.0 tonnes
- 2) The mass limit conditions in this section apply regardless of the mass limits in s14 above.

16 Conditions – General

- 1) An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice must not travel more than 75km by road per day when towing another vehicle.

The mass of a road grader operating under this notice must be equal to or greater than the mass of any towed vehicle.

17 Conditions – Disapplication of Schedule 8 of the National Regulation

- 1) Pursuant to s39(4)(a) of the National Regulation, the following provisions of Schedule 8 of the National Regulation do not apply to eligible vehicles operating under this Notice:
 - a) section 2(1)(a) – warning sign attached to the front of the vehicle; and
 - b) section 2(1)(b) – warning sign attached to the rear of a vehicle; and
 - c) section 2(1)(c) – warning flags fixed to the vehicle; and
 - d) section 3 – warning lights and delimiters.

18 Conditions – Rear Marking Plates

- 1) An eligible vehicle of less than 12t GVM operating under this Notice must comply with Schedule 2 s8 of the Heavy Vehicle (Vehicle Standards) National Regulation.

Note:- this requirement is mandatory for any vehicle of mass 12t GVM or more as per the Vehicle Standards Regulation.

Dated: 24 January 2018

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