



## HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW

### Queensland Class 3 Cotton Module Transportation Dimension Exemption Notice 2019 (No.1)

#### 1 Purpose

This Notice provides an exemption from height and rear overhang dimension requirements for certain heavy vehicle while they are transporting cotton modules.

*Note: This Notice replaces the Guideline for Transporting Cotton Modules in Queensland Form 16 V.4, published in March 2012 by the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads.*

#### 2 Authorising Provision

This Notice is made under section 117 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL).

#### 3 Title

This Notice may be cited as the *Queensland Class 3 Cotton Module Transportation Dimension Exemption Notice 2019*.

#### 4 Commencement

This Notice commences on 10 February 2019.

#### 5 Expiry

This Notice expires on 9 February 2024.

#### 6 Definitions

In this Notice—

**chain bed semi-trailer** means a semi-trailer equipped with a chain bed designed for the transport of cotton modules.

**cotton module** means a packed and compressed cotton bale.

**Critical Area Maps** means the *Critical Areas and Roads Maps* published on the TMR website (enter *Critical Area Map* into search box).

**eligible vehicle** means a heavy vehicle or heavy vehicle combination to which section 7 and section 8 apply.

**TMR** means the Department of Transport and Main Roads

**Zones 1, 2 and 3** means the zones identified in the Heavy vehicle zone maps: Queensland as published on the TMR website (enter *zone maps* in search box).

## **7 Application – Vehicle Combinations**

- (1) This Notice applies to the following heavy vehicle combinations when transporting cotton modules on the routes stated in this Notice:
  - (a) prime mover and semi-trailer combinations; and
  - (b) B-doubles.

## **8 Application - Chain bed semi-trailers constructed or modified before 1 January 2007.**

- (1) The exemption from rear overhang requirements in s9 applies only to combinations that include chain bed type semitrailers constructed or modified before 1 January 2007.
- (2) This section applies and the rear overhang requirement exemption applies whether the chain bed semi-trailer is laden or unladen.

## **9 Exemption - Dimension requirements**

- (1) An eligible vehicle is exempt from the following dimension requirements of Schedule 6 of the Regulation:
  - (a) Section 5(1): Rear overhang; and
  - (b) Section 8(d): Height.
- (2) The exemption in (1)(a) only applies to chain bed type semitrailers constructed or modified before 01 January 2007.

## **10 Conditions – Dimension (Height)**

- (1) An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice must not exceed 4.6m in height.

## **11 Conditions – Dimension (Rear overhang)**

- (1) Chain bed type semitrailers to which s9(2) applies may have a rear overhang up to 4.2m.

## **12 Conditions: Approved Routes and Travel Conditions**

- (1) An eligible vehicle must comply with the specified route and area requirements set out in this section:
  - a) A prime mover semitrailer operating under this Notice may use any road within Zones 2, 3 and in the Zone 1 Shires of Esk, Fitzroy, Gatton and Laidley
  - b) A B-double operating under this guideline may be used on approved B-double routes within Zones 2, 3 and in the Zone 1 Shires of Esk, Fitzroy, Gatton and Laidley.
  - c) Approved B-double routes are set out in the multi-combination routes published on the Queensland Transport and Main Roads website.

## **13 Conditions: Travel Restrictions**

- (1) The transportation of cotton modules on a vehicle is restricted to the safest direct route from the farm of origin to a cotton gin nominated by the producer of the cotton.
- (2) An enclosed chain bed vehicle travelling in accordance with this Notice may only travel unladen:
  - a) to farm sites for the purpose of loading cotton modules, or
  - b) for the purpose of carrying out maintenance on the trailer, or
  - c) for a return trip to the vehicle's base.

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