



## NATIONAL HEAVY VEHICLE LAW

### Victoria Class 3 Road Friendly Suspension Mass Exemption Notice 2019 (No.1)

#### 1. Purpose

- 1) This Notice exempts certain heavy vehicles fitted with certified road friendly suspension from mass requirements set out in the Heavy Vehicle (Mass Dimension and Loading) National Regulation (MDL Regulation).

*Note: This Notice replaces the following Victorian declarations:*

*Mass limit exemptions and route specifications for certain class 2 combinations fitted with road friendly suspension, published in the Victoria Government Gazette, No. S 440 on Friday 30 December 2011.*

*Declaration of Class 3 Vehicles and Mass Limit Exemptions and Route Specifications for such Vehicles, published in the Victoria Government Gazette, No. S 97 on Friday 23 March 2012.*

*Variation to Notices Specifying Routes for B-doubles and Certain Class 2 and 3 Vehicles Fitted with Road Friendly Suspension, published in the Victoria Government Gazette, No. S 458 Wednesday on 18 December 2013*

#### 2. Authorising Provision

- 1) This notice is made under Section 117 of the *Heavy Vehicle National Law* (HVNL) as in force in each participating jurisdiction.

#### 3. Title

- 1) This Notice may be cited as the *Victoria Class 3 Road Friendly Suspension Mass Exemption Notice 2019*.

#### 4. Commencement

- 1) This Notice commences on 10 February 2019.

#### 5. Expiry

- 1) This Notice expires 9 February 2024.

## 6. Definitions

- 1) Unless otherwise stated, words and expressions used in this Notice and its Schedules have the same meanings as those defined in the HVNL.
- 2) In this Notice and its Schedules:-

**Eligible vehicle** means a Class 3 heavy vehicle that is:

- a) a heavy vehicle which is not towing a dog trailer, a pig trailer or a tag trailer; and
- b) a combination consisting of a prime mover and one semi-trailer

**RFS System** means a certified road-friendly suspension system as defined in s3 of the MDL Regulation.

## 7. Application

- 1) This notice applies to eligible vehicle operating in Victoria.

## 8. Exemption - Prescribed mass requirements

- 1) This notice exempts eligible vehicles from the following mass requirements specified in Schedule 1 of the Regulation:
  - a) Section 4 - Mass limits for a single axle group
  - b) Section 5 - Mass limits relating to axle spacing generally

## 9. Condition - Stated Routes, Areas and Networks

- 1) Subject to 9(2) an eligible vehicle may be used on all roads in Victoria.
- 2) A vehicle fitted with road friendly suspension that has a tri-axle group exceeding 20.0 tonnes may access the following network in Victoria  
"Higher Mass Limits network"

*Notes: relevant maps are published by VicRoads and may be found on the VicRoads website.*

## 10. Conditions - General

- 1) An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice this notice must have road friendly suspension fitted on:
  - a) a single axle with 4 tyres, in the case of a motor vehicle or semi-trailer;
  - b) a tandem axle group with 6 tyres, in the case of a motor vehicle;
  - c) a tandem axle group with 8 tyres, in the case of a motor vehicle or semi-trailer;
  - d) a tri-axle group with 12 tyres, in the case of a semi-trailer; and
  - e) a quad-axle group with 16 tyres, in the case of a semi-trailer.

- 2) For an eligible vehicle operating under this Notice the mass limit for a single axle or axle group described in column 1 of Table 1, if fitted with road friendly suspension, is the corresponding limit set out in column 2 of that Table.

**Table 1 Mass limit for a single axle or axle group for a vehicle fitted with road friendly suspension**

| <b>Column 1</b>  | <b>Column 2</b>            |
|--|----------------------------|
| <b>Description of Single Axle or Axle Group</b>                    | <b>Mass Limit (Tonnes)</b> |
| Single axle with 4 tyres, on a motor vehicle or semi-trailer       | 10.0                       |
| Tandem axle group with 6 tyres, on a motor vehicle                 | 14.0                       |
| Tandem axle group with 8 tyres, on a motor vehicle or semi-trailer | 17.0                       |
| Tri-axle group with 12 tyres on a semi-trailer                     | 22.5                       |
| Quad-axle group with 16 tyres on a semi-trailer                    | 22.5                       |

- 3) A vehicle must comply with the mass limits relating to axle spacing set out in Table 2 in s6 of the MDL Regulations as if those mass limits were increased by:
- in respect of each single axle with 4 tyres with a road friendly suspension – 1.0t;
  - in respect of each tandem single axle with 8 tyres with a road friendly suspension – 0.5t;
  - in respect of each tandem axle with 6 tyres with a road friendly suspension – 1.0t;
  - in respect of each tri-axle group with 12 tyres with a road friendly suspension – 2.5t;
  - in respect of each quad-axle group with 16 tyres with a road friendly suspension – 2.5t.
- 4) If a vehicle travelling under this notice is a combination consisting of a motor vehicle and a semi-trailer, it must comply with s2(1)(a)(v) of the MDL Regulation as if the reference to '42.5t' of that subsection were a reference to '45.5t'.

## **11. Conditions - Mass Management Accreditation**

- 1) The operator of a vehicle that is travelling under this notice, and whose tri-axle or quad-axle group exceeds 20.0t, must be accredited under the Mass Management Module of the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme.

Peter Caprioli  
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