



## HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW

### South Australia Class 3 Heavy Vehicle Truck and Dog (Stobie Pole) Dimension Exemption Notice 2019 (No.1)

#### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to exempt truck and dog trailer heavy vehicle combinations used to carry utility poles in South Australia from the stated prescribed length and rear overhang limits in Schedule 6 of the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation* (the MDL Regulation).

#### 2. Revocation

This notice revokes the South Australia *Transport of Stobie Poles by SA Power Networks and Contractors* exemption notice, published in the South Australia Gazette.

#### 3. Authorising Provision

This notice is made under sections 61 and 117 of the *Heavy Vehicle National Law* (HVNL) as in force in South Australia.

#### 4. Title

This notice may be cited as the *South Australia Class 3 Heavy Vehicle Truck and Dog Trailer (Stobie Pole) Dimension Exemption (Notice) 2019*.

#### 5. Commencement

This notice commences on the date of its publication.

#### 6. Expiry

This notice expires five years after it commences.

#### 7. Definitions

In this notice—

**Eligible vehicle** means a rigid truck and dog trailer combination or a rigid truck and extendable dog trailer combination, carrying Stobie poles in prescribed circumstances and that are operated by;

- a) SA Power Networks; or
- b) an entity contracted to SA Power Networks to perform Stobie Pole installation or maintenance activities.

**Extendable dog trailer** means a two axle dog trailer where the rear extension of the trailer, behind the rear most axle, can extend up to a maximum of 3.7m.

**Rear extension** means the part of the trailer that can extend beyond the main fixed body of the trailer.

**SA Power Networks** means the entity named CKI Utilities Development Pty Ltd and Hei Utilities Development Ltd and Others, trading as SA Power Networks.

**Stobie pole** means a pole intended for the purpose of supporting overhead electricity transmission lines, telecommunications lines, or other form of infrastructure consisting of a cable.

## 8. Application

This notice applies to eligible vehicles operating in South Australia carrying one or more Stobie Poles that are no longer than 12m in length.

## 9. Exemption from prescribed dimension requirements

(1) Eligible vehicles are exempt from the length dimension requirement under Schedule 6 of the MDL regulation:

- a) s3(1)(a) – Length, General
- b) Section 5 – Length, rear overhang

## 10. Routes and areas

- (1) Except where restricted by (2) following an eligible vehicle may travel on all roads in South Australia;
- (2) An eligible vehicle operating under this notice must only cross a railway crossing that is on the South Australia 23m B-Double (GML) network.

*Note: the South Australia B-Double Network is maintained and published by the South Australia Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure.*

## 11. Conditions - Rigid truck and dog trailer combinations

- 1) The overall length of a rigid truck and dog trailer combination operating under this Notice, together with its load must not exceed 21.0m in length.
- 2) The constructed overall length of an unladen rigid truck and dog trailer combination must not exceed 19m.
- 3) The Stobie poles must be loaded centrally on the trailer and the load contained width must not exceed 1m.

- 4) The pole(s) shall be delineated with a least three sight boards as follows;
  - a) On the rear of the pole, one sight board displaying a vertical surface 750mm long and 300mm high to the sides and a vertical surface 400mm square to the rear.
  - b) Along the length of the pole, two sight boards each displaying a vertical surface of 350mm long and 400mm high to the sides
  - c) All vertical surfaces of the sight boards to display 100mm wide alternate red and yellow reflective stripes at an angle of 45 degrees.
  - d) At night or during periods of low visibility the section of pole(s) that extends past the rear of the trailer must be delineated at the end with a red stop/tail light facing to the rear and side marker lights which display an amber light to the front and a red light to the rear. Side marker lights shall be spaced no greater than 2.0m apart.
  - e) For the purpose of this notice 'low visibility' means the same as specified in section 8(1) of the MDL Regulation.

## **12. Conditions - Rigid truck and extendable dog trailer combinations**

- (1) A rigid truck and extendable dog trailer combination must not exceed 21.0m in length.
- (2) When the rear extension is extended more than 1.0m, a delineator must be attached to the outer edge of the trailer on each side for the full distance along the rear extension.
- (3) The delineator must meet the following requirements:
  - a) be made of stiff or flexible weatherproof material and display 100mm wide alternate red and yellow reflective stripes at an angle of 45 degrees; and
  - b) the surface must be vertical and face outwards and be at least 300mm high; and
  - c) must comply with Class 1 or 2 of AS 1906 'Retro-reflective Materials and Devices for Road Traffic Control Purposes'.
- (4) An eligible vehicle that complies with s3(3) of Schedule 8 of the MDL Regulation may use that section as an alternative to the requirements in subsection 3) of this section.
- (5) In addition to side marker lights required under Schedule 2, Division 9 of the Heavy Vehicle (Vehicle Standards) National Regulation or *Australian Design Rule 13/..* side marker lights must be displayed, not more than 2.0m apart, along the total length of the trailer, except for the section where the delineators are fitted as specified in section 12 (2).

Peter Caprioli

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