



HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW

Tasmania Class 3 Heavy Vehicles Carrying Overseas Export Freight Containers Mass Exemption Notice 2019 (No.1)

Purpose

1. The purpose of this Notice is to exempt export freight container carrying combinations from stated prescribed mass requirements of the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation* (the Regulation).

Authorising Provision

2. This Notice is made under section 117 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law as in force in each participating jurisdiction.

Title

3. This Notice may be cited as the *Tasmania Class 3 Heavy Vehicles Carrying Overseas Export Freight Containers Mass Exemption Notice 2019*.

Commencement

4. This Notice commences on 10 February 2019.

Expiry

5. This Notice expires on 9 February 2024.

Definitions

6. Unless otherwise stated, words and expressions used in this Notice have the same meanings as those defined in the *Heavy Vehicle National Law*.
7. In this Notice—

'road-friendly suspension' means vehicle suspension that complies with the performance criteria specified in Vehicle Standards Bulletin 11 - "Certification of Road-friendly Suspension Systems" published by the Federal Office of Road Safety in April 1999, as amended or substituted from time to time.

Application

8. This Notice applies in the state of Tasmania.
9. This Notice applies to a combination consisting of a prime mover fitted with a tandem drive axle and a single semitrailer fitted with a tri-axle group being used to transport a 12.2 metre long freight container containing perishable goods for overseas export (a **'relevant combination'**).

Exemption from prescribed mass requirements

10. This Notice exempts a relevant combination from the following general mass limits specified in Schedule 1 of the Regulation—
- (a) Section 2(1)(a)(iv);
 - (b) Section 2(1)(b);
 - (c) Section 4;
 - (d) Section 5(1).

Condition – Axle mass limits

11. The mass on a single axle or axle group of the relevant combination must not be more than the following mass limits—
- (a) for the steer axle—
 - i. 6.0t; or
 - ii. 6.5t if the vehicle is eligible to operate under the steer axle mass exception limits;
 - (b) for the tandem axle group— 18.5t;
 - (c) for the tri-axle group— 22.5t.

Condition – Maximum permissible mass

12. The mass of the relevant combination must not be more than 47t, or 47.5t if the vehicle is eligible to operate under the steer axle mass exception limits.

Condition – Axle spacing mass limits

13. The mass of the relevant combination relating to an axle spacing of the combination must not be more than the mass limit stated in Table 2 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the Regulation increased by the additional mass permitted under clause 11 for the relevant axle spacing.

Other conditions

- 14. The operator of the relevant combination must hold mass management accreditation for the vehicle.
- 15. All axles of the combination, other than the steer axle, must be equipped with road-friendly suspension or a certified road-friendly suspension system.
- 16. All axle groups, other than the steer axle, must be fitted with dual tyres.
- 17. The freight container must contain perishable commodities being transported for the purpose of export overseas.
- 18. Each freight container must be accompanied by documentation specifying—
 - a) the origin and destination of the container; and
 - b) the nature of the commodity in the container.

Area or routes

19. A relevant combination complying with the conditions of this Notice may use all roads in Tasmania.

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