



HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW

South Australia Class 1 Transport of Indivisible Items and Agricultural Vehicles Dimension Exemption Notice (No.1)

1. Purpose

This Notice provides access for heavy vehicle combinations carrying indivisible items including agricultural vehicles which exceed regulation dimensions to travel on roads in South Australia subject to the conditions specified in this Notice

Note: This Notice replaces the following instruments previously published in the South Australian Government Gazette and by DPTI:

Transport of Indivisible Items

Code of Practice for Transport of Indivisible Loads

Transport of Agricultural Vehicles Carried as a Load

Code of Practice for the Transport of Agricultural Vehicles as Loads

2. Authorising Provision

This Notice is made under Section 117 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL), and s169 of the *Heavy Vehicle (General) National Regulation*.

3. Commencement

This Notice commences on 10 February 2019.

4. Expiry

This Notice expires on 9 February 2024.

5. Title

This Notice may be cited as the *South Australia Class 1 Transport of Indivisible Items and Agricultural Vehicles Dimension Exemption Notice 2019*.

6. Definitions

1) Unless otherwise stated, words and expressions used in this Notice including Schedule 1 have the same meanings as those defined in the HVNL.

2) In this Notice:-

Adelaide Hills Area means the area described in the map of that name published in the *Operator's Guide*.

Adelaide Metropolitan Area means the area described in the map of that name published in the *Operator's Guide*.

Eligible vehicle means a heavy vehicle or heavy vehicle combination, carrying indivisible items, that is a:

- a) prime mover and semi-trailer combination that exceeds 4.3m in height and/or 2.5m in width and/or 19m in overall length; or
- b) truck that exceeds 4.3m in height and/or 2.5m in width; or
- c) truck towing one trailer that exceeds 4.3m in height and/or 2.5m in width.

Indivisible item, for the purpose of this notice, includes combinations of agricultural vehicles, machines or implements connected and operated by hydraulic hoses, drive shafts, or other couplings.

Note: this definition of indivisible item modifies the definition in s116 of the HVNL to remove any doubt with regard to the carriage of multiple indivisible items.

Operator's Guide means the South Australia Load Carrying Vehicle Operator's Guide.

Note: the Operator's Guide is published by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.

Participating Road Manager means a Road Manager listed in the Participating Road Manager section of the *Operator Guide*

South Australian Country Area means an area in South Australia other than the Adelaide Metropolitan Area or the Adelaide Hills Area.

7. Application

1) This Notice applies to eligible vehicles operating in South Australia.

8. Exemptions - Dimension

- 1) Eligible vehicles operating under this Notice are exempt from the following dimension requirements in Schedule 6 of the Heavy Vehicle (*Mass Dimension and Loading National Regulation (MDL Regulation)*)
 - a) Section 3 - Length for combination or single vehicle
 - b) Section 4 - Length, trailers
 - c) Section 5 - Length, rear overhang
 - d) Section 8 – Width
 - e) Section 9 – Height
 - f) Section 12 - Size and projection of loads, rear of load
 - g) Section 13 - Size and projection of loads, front and side of load

- 2) The exemption in s8(1)(g) only applies to side projection of loads.

Note: there is no exemption for front projection, and regulation dimension limits still apply to such dimension requirements.

9. Conditions - Dimensions (Length)

- 1) Eligible vehicles and combinations operating under this Notice must not exceed the following:
 - a) prime mover and semi-trailer combination that does not include a truck - 25m
 - b) a truck - 12.5m
 - c) a truck and trailer combination - 19m

Note: the dimension limits under s9(b) and (c) are simply Regulation dimensions, restated here due to the exemption in s8(1). Such eligible vehicles do not in effect gain a length concession under this notice, but may still receive a height or width exemption.

10. Conditions - Dimension (Length, rear overhang)

- 1) The rear overhang of an eligible semi-trailer operating under this Notice, including the load, must not exceed the lesser of:
 - a) 5.5 metres; or
 - b) 25% of the overall length of the entire vehicle, including the load.

- 2) Semi-trailers operating under this section are exempt from meeting the following dimension limits:
 - a) 9.5 metres - kingpin to centre of axle group;
 - b) 12.3 metres - kingpin to rear of semi-trailer.

11. Conditions - Dimensions (Width)

- 1) An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice must not exceed:
 - a) 3.5m in width; or
 - b) 4.5m in width when carrying one or more agricultural machines, agricultural vehicles or agricultural implements.

- 2) In addition to 1) the following restrictions also apply:
 - a) the load must be carried to minimise the amount by which it exceeds 2.5m; and
 - b) the overall width of all axles or axle groups of the load carrying part of the vehicle, measured between the outer edges of the tyres, must not be less than 2.1m; and
 - c) any cross member, supporting frame or outrigger fitted to support the load must not protrude beyond the load by more than 50mm.

12. Conditions - Dimensions (Height)

- 1) An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice must not exceed 4.9m in height.
- 2) In addition to the maximum height requirement in 1), an eligible vehicle operating under this Notice must comply with any conditions referenced in Schedule 1 of this Notice, including:
 - a) Securing third party approvals for height clearance; and
 - b) Bridge height restrictions.

13. Conditions - Stated areas of operation

- 1) An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice may operate in the areas set out in Schedule 1 of this Notice.
- 2) An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice must comply with the Travel Restrictions set out in Schedule 1 of this Notice.

14. Conditions - Pilots and Escorts

- 1) An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice must comply with Pilot and Escort requirements as per the *Escorting Guideline for Oversize and Overmass Vehicles and Loads*.
- 2) Drivers of pilot vehicles must operate in accordance with the *Escorting Guidelines for Oversize and Overmass Vehicles and Loads* published by DPTI.

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Schedule 1 - Travel Restrictions for the transport of indivisible items and agricultural vehicles as a load

1. Times of Travel

- 1) You must not travel in the Adelaide Metropolitan Area between the hours of 7 am to 9 am and 4 pm to 6 pm, Monday to Friday inclusive.
- 2) You may travel at night on road networks managed by Participating Road Managers if your vehicle, together with its load:
 - a) Does not exceed 3.1 metres wide; and
 - b) Does not exceed 4.6 metres high; and
 - c) Does not exceed 22 metres long for an articulated vehicle.
- 3) Otherwise the vehicle, together with its load:
 - a) Must not exceed 2.5m wide and
 - b) Must not exceed 4.6m high and
 - c) Must not exceed 19 metres long for an articulated vehicle

2. Restricted Routes

- 1) An operator of an eligible vehicle that is higher than 4.3m or wider than 2.5m:
 - a) must comply with the specified route, area and structure restrictions published in the *Consolidated Table of Limited Access Locations in South Australia* published on the 'Approved Areas or Routes' section of the DPTI website at ; and
 - b) may be required to consult and obtain consent from third party entities who manage utilities which may be impacted by over height vehicles.

Note : Some routes in the Adelaide Metropolitan Area have height restrictions less than 4.3m.

Contact details for South Australia Power Networks, Telstra and Optus are available at on the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator website.

3. Restricted Travel in the Adelaide Hills Area

- 1) If your vehicle and load exceeds 3.05 metres wide and/or 19 metres long, you must not travel in the Adelaide Hills Area.