

Mass Import Management Scheme (MIMS) Information Bulletin

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Purpose

MIMS offers a mass concession for transportation of containerised freight from the Port of Brisbane and the Port of Townsville. The mass concession permits containers to be transported to facilities where the load can be redistributed to achieve regulation masses.

MIMS is only permitted for prime mover semi-trailer and B-double combinations carrying a single container on each trailer.

Requirements

Operational

- Operators under the scheme must have a current MIMS permit issued by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR).
- For enforcement and monitoring purposes, a copy of the permit must be carried and produced if requested by an authorised officer.
- Operators under the scheme must be Mass Management accredited, as specified under the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS). More information about NHVAS and applying for accreditation is available on the NHVR website at www.nhvr.gov.au/safety-accreditation-compliance/national-heavy-vehicle-accreditation-scheme
- Drivers/operators are required to obtain and carry a complying container weight declaration when transporting freight containers.
- Drivers/operators of vehicle combinations operating under this scheme must ensure the laden mass of the combination complies with the gross and axle masses detailed in the MIMS permit.
- Drivers/operators should always validate the vehicles operating mass.

Area of Operation

- Vehicles under the scheme are limited to operating on approved Higher Mass Limits (HML) routes only within a:
 - 120km radius of the Port of Brisbane; and
 - 15km radius of the Port of Townsville.
- In Qld approved HML routes are outlined in the higher mass limits maps: and
 - Connecting 23 metre and 25 metre approved B-double and road train routes as identified in the multi-combination routes in Queensland to a radial distance of 500 metres from the Queensland Major Highway System

Approved HML, B-double and road train route maps are available on the Department of Transport and Main Roads website at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/business-industry/Heavy-vehicles/Excess-mass-and-dimensions/Higher-mass-limits/Higher-mass-limits-maps

Vehicles

- Prime mover semi-trailer combinations (such as skel, flat-bed and side-loader configurations) consisting of a single steer, tandem drive prime mover with a tri-axle trailing group (the drive and trailing group must be fitted with 4 tyres per axle).
- B-Double combinations consisting of a single steer, tandem drive prime mover with tri-axle trailing groups (the drive and trailing groups must be fitted with 4 tyres per axle).
- Vehicle manufacturers and component ratings must not be exceeded.
- Trailing groups must be fitted with airbag or certified road friendly suspension with effective hydraulic dampers.

Mass concession

- Prime mover semi-trailer combinations are allowed up to an additional 3.4 tonnes applied to the gross mass (i.e. GCM of 45.9 tonnes), with up to 10 percent additional mass on axle groups, excepting tri-axle trailer groups where 22.5 tonnes is permitted.
- B-Double combinations are allowed up to an additional 6.8 tonnes applied to the gross mass (i.e. GCM of 69.3 tonnes), with up to 11 percent additional mass on axle groups, excepting tri-axle groups where 22.5 tonnes is permitted.

Permit Application and Approval

Complete and submit an application for a *Class 3 (Miscellaneous) Permit* on the NHVR website at www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/access-management/applications-and-forms/class-3-miscellaneous-permit including the following information:

- In Section 4, you need to complete the Vehicle Details Section by nominating and describing all the prime movers only and provide a reference to this scheme (MIMS Scheme) in the brief description section.
- In Section 6 provide the area of operations either 120 Km radius of the Port of Brisbane and/or 15 Km radius of the Port of Townsville.