

**NOTICE OF APPROVAL AND EXEMPTION**  
*Pursuant to Sections 161A and 163AA of the Road Traffic Act 1961*

**OPERATION OF B-DOUBLE VEHICLES UP TO 25M IN LENGTH**

**1. REVOCATION OF PREVIOUS NOTICE AND OTHER EXEMPTION INSTRUMENTS**

I hereby revoke the Notice of Approval and Exemption, titled “*Operation of B-Double Vehicles up to 25m in Length*” published in the Government Gazette 15 July 2010.

**2. APPROVAL**

2.1. Pursuant to Section 161A of the *Road Traffic Act 1961*, I hereby approve B-Doubles up to an overall length not exceeding 25 metres, to operate on Approved Routes subject to the conditions and limitations specified in this Notice.

2.2. For the purpose of this Notice, ‘Approved Routes’ are roads that the Minister for Transport (or the Minister’s Delegate) has approved for the operation of B-Doubles in accordance with section 161A of the *Road Traffic Act 1961*.

**3. EXEMPTION**

3.1. In accordance with the powers delegated to me by the Minister for Transport, under Section 163AA of the *Road Traffic Act 1961*, I hereby exempt B-Doubles up to an overall length not exceeding 25 metres from the following provisions of the:

3.1.1. *Road Traffic (Mass and Loading Requirements) Regulations 1999* - Schedule 1, Table 1, in so far as it relates to:

- (i) tandem axle group fitted with dual tyres (8 tyres - for any vehicle other than a pig trailer 16.5 tonnes); and
- (ii) triaxle group fitted with dual tyres (12 tyres - for any vehicle other than a pig trailer 20 tonnes); and

3.1.2. *Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Rules 1999* - Rule 72(1) – Height (4.3 metres),

3.2. This exemption is subject to the conditions and limitations specified in this Notice.

**4. CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS APPLYING TO THIS NOTICE**

4.1. When operating under this Notice you must:

4.1.1. Operate at all times in accordance with the conditions and limitations specified in the “Code of Practice for B-Doubles”, dated June 2011 as issued by the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI) as amended from time to time and

4.1.2. If operating at General Mass Limits, only operate on the approved route network(s) published via the DTEI RAVnet online mapping system or PDF maps published via the DTEI website titled ‘*Route Network for B-Double Vehicles up to 25m in Length General Mass Limits (GML)*’ and in accordance with any conditions and limitations specified for those routes.

4.1.3. If operating at Higher Mass Limits only operate on the approved route network(s) published via the DTEI RAVnet online mapping system or PDF maps published via the DTEI website titled ‘*Route Network for B-Double Vehicles up to 25m in Length Higher Mass Limits (HML)*’ and in accordance with any conditions and limitations specified for those routes.

4.1.4. If carrying a defined commodity, operate at General Mass Limits on the approved route network(s) published via the DTEI RAVnet online mapping system or PDF maps published via the DTEI website titled ‘*Commodity Routes for B-Doubles*’ and in accordance with any conditions and limitations specified for those routes.

4.1.5. When operating under this Notice you must immediately prior to any journey and using the applicable current approved B-Double route network(s) published via the DTEI RAVnet online mapping system or PDF maps published via the DTEI website, determine the entire approved route being travelled/operated on during the particular journey.

4.1.6. If operating a B-Double accredited under the Mass Management Module of the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme in a State or Territory other than South Australia at Higher Mass Limits but not operating under the IAP, complete and sign the Route Compliance Certificate.

- 4.1.7. Carry at all times a legible, current and complete copy of a completed Route Compliance Certificate if operating at Higher Mass Limits but *not operating under the IAP*, and produce this when requested by a DTEI Authorised Officer appointed under the *Road Traffic Act 1961* or a Police Officer.
- 4.1.8. From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011, when operating under this Notice, you must carry a legible, current and complete copy of this Notice either in hardcopy or in an electronic format so that it can be read from a device having a visual display (e.g. smart phone, tablet or laptop PC, in vehicle unit) that is carried within the vehicle and that is accessible, to a DTEI Authorised Officer appointed under the *Road Traffic Act 1961* or a Police Officer, from outside the vehicle.

**Information Note**

The PDF Maps are currently available on DTEI's website at this time, however RAVnet will replace this existing system and eventually PDF maps will no longer be made available.

- 4.2 Except as otherwise specified in this Notice the Standard Form Conditions prescribed in the *Road Traffic (Oversize or Overmass Vehicle Exemptions) Regulations 1999* for the purposes of Section 115(3) of the *Road Traffic Act 1961*, shall not apply

## 5. DEFINITIONS

- 5.1 For the purposes of this Notice:

- 5.1.1 A 'B-Double' is a vehicle combination consisting of a prime mover towing two semi-trailers where:
- (i) the first semi-trailer is connected to the prime mover by a fifth wheel coupling; and
  - (ii) the second semi-trailer is connected to the first semi-trailer by a fifth wheel coupling; and
  - (iii) the constructed overall length of the combination does not exceed 25 metres, unless permitted under the conditions of a separate Notice.
- 5.1.2 'Approved Intelligent Transport System' means an intelligent transport system approved for the purposes of the IAP by Transport Certification Australia Limited (TCA)
- 5.1.3 'Approved Routes' are roads that the Minister for Transport (or the Minister's Delegate) has approved for the operation of B-Doubles in accordance with section 161A of the *Road Traffic Act 1961*.
- 5.1.4 'DTEI' means the South Australian Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure.
- 5.1.5 'Intelligent Access Program' (IAP) means a program to allow heavy vehicles to have access, or improved access, to the road network in return for monitoring, by an approved intelligent transport system of their compliance with specified access conditions.
- 5.1.6 'Route Compliance Certificate' means the DTEI *Higher Mass Limit Route Compliance Certificate* as available on the DTEI website.

## 6. COMMENCEMENT OF THIS NOTICE

- 6.1. This Notice is valid from 12.01 am on 17 June 2011.

## 7. AUTHORISATION

BRIAN E HEMMING  
Director, Transport Safety Regulation  
for and on behalf of the  
Executive Director, Safety and Regulation Division  
Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure  
Authorised Delegate for the Minister for Transport