

Guideline for Transporting Cotton Modules in Queensland

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1. Introduction

This guideline explains the conditions under which combination vehicles used to transport cotton modules may be used on roads in Queensland when certain dimensions exceed regulated limits.

2. Authority

2.1 This guideline is issued under Section 48 of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Mass, Dimensions and Loading) Regulation 2005* and is a statutory instrument in accordance with Part 4 Section 22 of the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*.

2.2 The Guideline of Transporting Cotton Modules in Queensland – Form 16 Version 3 is repealed.

2.3 This form commenced on 16 March 2012.

3. Application

3.1 This guideline is issued as an alternative means of complying with Section 26 and 29 of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Mass, Dimensions and Loading) Regulation 2005*.

3.2 This guideline applies to:

(a) Combination vehicles transporting cotton modules to a maximum height of 4.6 m.

(b) Chain bed type semitrailers constructed to a maximum height of 4.6m. when unladen or transporting cotton modules only.

(c) Chain bed type semitrailers constructed or modified before 01 January 2007 to dimensions where the rear overhang is not greater than 4.2m.

3.3 The following vehicles may operate under this guideline:

(a) Prime mover semitrailers.

(b) B-doubles.

3.4 Vehicles constructed or loaded higher than 4.6 m, or with a rear overhang greater than 4.2m are not covered by this guideline.

4. Operational

4.1 Approved Routes

- 4.1.1** A prime mover semitrailer operating under this guideline may be used on any road within zones 2, 3 and in the shires of Esk, Fitzroy, Gatton and Laidley in zone 1 of the Zone Map located on the Multi-combination routes in Queensland webpage.
- 4.1.2** A B-double operating under this guideline may be used on approved B-double routes within zones 2, 3 and in the shires of Esk, Fitzroy, Gatton and Laidley in zone 1 of the Zone Map located on the Multi-combination routes in Queensland webpage. Approved B-double routes are published in the *Guideline for Multi-combination Vehicles in Queensland Form Number 1*.
- 4.1.3** The driver of the vehicle shall ensure that it does not strike or damage any overhead structures, including cables. The driver of the vehicle shall assess the suitability of a road prior to driving the vehicle on that road. The roads used must be continually monitored to ensure that any new structures or modifications to existing structures have sufficient clearance for the vehicle.

5.0 Administration

5.1 Registration

- 5.1.1** All vehicles must have current registration.

5.2 Approvals from Authorities

- 5.2.1** Where the dimensions of the vehicle are likely to interfere with overhead structures, including cables, approval to travel the route must be sought from the relevant authority.
- 5.2.2** It is the responsibility of the driver of the vehicle to obtain approval from the relevant authority.
- 5.2.3** The driver of the vehicle must carry any document or information sheet (or copy) issued by the relevant authority that sets out the obligations imposed under the notice. The notice must be produced when requested by an Authorised Officer.

6.0 Travel Restrictions

6.1 The transportation of cotton modules on a vehicle is restricted to the safest direct route from the farm of origin to a cotton gin nominated by the producer of the cotton.

6.2 An enclosed chain bed vehicle travelling in accordance with this guideline may only travel unladen:

- (a)** to farm sites for the purpose of loading cotton modules, or
- (b)** for the purpose of carrying out maintenance on the trailer, or
- (c)** for a return trip to the vehicle's base.

7.0 Standards

7.1 Loading Requirements

7.1.1 The vehicle must be loaded in a manner that ensures:

- (a)** the risks to other road users are minimised,
- (b)** the loading does not adversely affect the vehicle's stability, and
- (C)** the restraining of the load complies with the Load Restraint Guide.

7.2 Mass Limits

7.2.1 A prime mover semitrailer shall not exceed the applicable mass limits outlined in the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Mass, Dimensions and Loading) Regulation 2005*.

7.2.2 A B-double shall not exceed the applicable mass limits outlined in the *Guideline for Multi-combination Vehicles in Queensland Form Number 1*.