

CLASS PERMIT No. 147-TH-14

Mass Exemption for the Transportation of Log Timber

Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995

This permit is issued under the provisions of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Mass, Dimensions and Loading) Regulation 2005, Part 6, Division 2 – Permits*, and is a means of alternative compliance with the provisions of *Schedule 1, Section 4 Mass limits for combinations, subsection (1) and Schedule 2 Mass limits for single axles and axle groups*. It is also subject to the provisions of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* and subordinate Regulations as well as the terms and conditions below.

This permit authorises heavy vehicles or combinations transporting harvested timber in the form of logs from forest direct to mill/port in excess of regulatory mass limits; limits are specified within this permit.

1 Permit terms and conditions

- 1.1 This permit is valid for the period **07 February 2014 to 07 February 2016** unless sooner revoked by the chief executive of the Department of Transport and Main Roads or his delegate.
- 1.2 A copy of this permit must be carried at all times when operating under the conditions of the permit and produced to an authorised officer when requested.
- 1.3 The following heavy vehicle/combinations are eligible to operate under this permit —
 - a rigid vehicle
 - a prime mover and semi-trailer combination
 - a B-double
 - a road train
 - a truck and dog trailer combination

2 Mass conditions

- 2.1 Regulatory axle mass limits must not be exceeded by more than 10%.
- 2.2 Regulatory Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) or Gross Combination Mass (GCM) must not be exceeded by more than 7.5%.
- 2.3 Manufacturer ratings must not be exceeded for the vehicle/comboination or any other component.
- 2.4 Carriers must load to achieve a suitable distribution to all axles and axle groups.
- 2.5 Vehicles/combinations must be fitted with an onboard scale system that accurately provides the GVM/GCM of the vehicle/comboination at all times whilst operating under this permit.

- 2.6 Clause 2.5 is not applicable to vehicles/combinations transporting Cyprus or Plantation Pine log timber from forest to a mill/port with a certified weighbridge or with access on route to a certified weighbridge and are paying for the log timber by weight to ex-government forest/product owners formally Forestry Plantations Queensland now HQ Plantations Pty Ltd.
- 2.7 Clause 2.5 is also not applicable to vehicles/combinations transporting Australian native log timber from forest to a mill/port with a certified weighbridge or with access on route to a certified weighbridge and are paying for the log timber by weight to Government forest/product owners.
- 2.8 Where a road has a load limit applied, that limit prevails over the conditions of this class permit.

3 Route conditions

- 3.1 This permit only provides access to State controlled roads.
- 3.2 Operators must obtain the consent of local authorities or other road owners to operate on their roads and must carry proof of this approval.
- 3.3 Multi-combination vehicles operating under this permit are restricted to the gazetted or approved route for the type of multi-combination in Queensland.

Note: Multi-combination routes in Queensland can be accessed via the departmental website:
www.tmr.qld.gov.au

4 Enforcement and monitoring

- 4.1 This class permit relies on transporters of log timber adhering to the conditions stated within the class permit, failure to do so could result in significant risks to road infrastructure.
- 4.2 There will be appropriate monitoring of compliance to the conditions of this class permit.

5 Withdrawal and indemnity

- 5.1 The Department of Transport and Main Roads reserves the right to amend or withdraw this permit at anytime.
- 5.2 The holder of this permit shall indemnify the Department of Transport and Main Roads and its employees, against any claim, action or process for damage or injury that may be sustained against them due to the use of vehicles as specified.



Delegate of the Chief Executive
Department of Transport and Main Roads
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