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## ROAD SAFETY (VEHICLES) REGULATIONS 1999

Notice declaring Certain Vehicles with Road Friendly Suspensions to be Class 3 Vehicles

Regulation 515(2) of the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 1999 provides that the Roads Corporation may by notice published in the Government Gazette declare a category of vehicles to be class 3 vehicles.

Clause 39 of Schedule 3 to the Regulations provides that the mass limits for a vehicle in a category of vehicles declared by the Corporation under regulation 515(2), are the relevant mass limits for that vehicle set out in Division 1 of Part 4 of the Regulations except to the extent that the Corporation specifies otherwise in the declaration.

In accordance with those provisions, I, Geoff Kloot, delegate of the Roads Corporation, declare that a vehicle in one of the following categories is a class 3 vehicle if –

- (a) the mass on a single axle or axle group of the vehicle exceeds the relevant limit in Regulation 402 and Table 1 of the Regulations but does not exceed the relevant limit in Part 1 of the Schedule to this Notice;
- (b) the mass limits in relation to the axle spacing distances of the vehicle exceed the relevant limits in Regulation 403 and Table 2 of the Regulations but do not exceed the relevant limits in Part 1 of the Schedule to this Notice;
- (c) in the case of a combination, the total mass limit exceeds the relevant limit in Regulation 404 of the Regulations but does not exceed the relevant limit in Part 1 of the Schedule to this Notice; and
- (d) the vehicle otherwise meets the conditions of operation in the Schedule to this Notice.

### VEHICLE CATEGORIES

- (i) bus;
- (ii) rigid truck not towing a trailer;
- (iii) prime mover towing a semi-trailer;
- (iv) semi-trailer connected to a prime mover or semi-trailer.

I further declare that the mass limits for a vehicle in a category of vehicles specified above are the relevant mass limits for that vehicle set out in Division 1 of Part 4 of the Regulations except to the extent specified otherwise in the Schedule to this Declaration.

This Notice operates from 14 June 2000 to 30 June 2004.

The Notice declaring certain vehicles with road friendly suspensions to be class 3 vehicles which was published in the Government Gazette No. S 98 of 30 June 1999 is revoked from 14 June 2000.

The Notice declaring approved mass management modules for heavy vehicles which was published in the Government Gazette No. S 99 of 30 June 1999 is revoked from 14 June 2000.

In this Notice, unless the contrary intention appears-

- (a) expressions used have the same meaning as in the **Road Safety Act 1986** and the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 1999; and
- (b) "road friendly suspension" means –
  - (i) in the case of a vehicle manufactured on or after 1 January 2000 or fitted with a new suspension system on or after that date, a suspension system of a type that has been certified by the Land Transport Division of the Department of Transport and Regional Services (formerly the Federal Office of Road Safety) as a road friendly suspension; and
  - (ii) in any other case, an approved air suspension system that has effective dampening characteristics on each axle.

Dated 14 June 2000.

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Traffic and Road Use Management  
Roads Corporation

SCHEDULE  
CONDITIONS OF OPERATION  
PART 1 - MASS LIMITS

- 1.1 The mass limit for a single axle or axle group described in column 1 of Table A, if fitted with a road friendly suspension, is the limit set out in column 2 of that Table opposite the description in column 1.

Table A

Column 1 DESCRIPTION OF SINGLE AXLE OR AXLE GROUP	Column 2 MASS LIMIT (tonnes)
Single drive axle with 4 tyres, on a bus	10.0
Tandem axle group with 6 tyres, on a bus or other motor vehicle	14.0
Tandem axle group with 8 tyres, on a bus or other motor vehicle or semi-trailer	17.0
Tri-axle group with 12 tyres on a semi-trailer	22.5

- 1.2 A vehicle, other than a B-double or road train, must comply with regulation 403 as modified by the following clause 1.3.
- 1.3 The mass limits in column 2 of Table 2 of the Regulations are increased by 0.5 tonnes for each tandem axle group with a road friendly suspension and by 2.5 tonnes for each tri-axle group with a road friendly suspension.
- 1.4 A combination must comply with regulation 404 with the substitution of 45.5 tonnes for the limit in paragraph (a) of that regulation.
- 1.5 A B-double must comply with Clause 3 of Schedule 2 to the Regulations as modified by the following clause 1.6.
- 1.6 The mass limits in column 2 of Table 11 of the Regulations are increased by 0.5 tonnes for each tandem axle group with a road friendly suspension and by 2.5 tonnes for each tri-axle group with a road friendly suspension.
- 1.7 A B-double must comply with clause 4 of Schedule 2 to the Regulations with the substitution of 68.0 tonnes for the limit in paragraph (d) of that clause.
- 1.8 A road train must comply with Clause 15 of Schedule 2 to the Regulations as modified by the following clause 1.9.
- 1.9 The mass limits in column 2 of Table 12 of the Regulations are increased by 0.5 tonnes for each tandem axle group with a road friendly suspension and by 2.5 tonnes for each tri-axle group with a road friendly suspension.
- 1.10 A road train must comply with clause 16 of Schedule 2 to the Regulations with the substitution of 85.0 tonnes for the limit in paragraph (d) of that clause.
- 1.11 The mass limit on a single steer axle on a motor vehicle that is combined with other vehicles to form a road train is 6.7 tonnes if-
- (a) the tyres on that axle have a section width exceeding 375 millimetres; and
  - (b) regardless of whether that axle has a road friendly suspension.
- 1.12 A prime mover, semi-trailer and converter dolly combination, including any load carried, must comply with clause 24 of Schedule 2 to the Regulations with the substitution of 49.0 tonnes for the limit in sub-clause (2) of that clause.

## PART 2 – ACCREDITATION OF CERTAIN OPERATORS

- 2.1 The registered operator of the prime mover of a combination that includes a semi-trailer with a tri-axle group and having a gross mass in excess of 20.0 tonnes, must be accredited under a mass management scheme approved by the Corporation.
- 2.2 For the purposes of clause 2.1, the following are approved mass management modules for heavy vehicle operations-
- (a) Mass Management Module of the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme; and
  - (b) National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme Agreement for Mass Management, known as the Mass Management Accreditation (Pilot) Program; and
  - (c) Transport SA Heavy Vehicle Mass Management Accreditation Scheme.

## PART 3 – TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 Except as provided in this Part, travel is permitted on all roads.
- 3.2 Travel is not permitted on any road or bridge in contravention of a mass limit specified on a sign relating to that road or bridge.
- 3.3 A vehicle that has a tri-axle group and having a gross mass in excess of 20.0 tonnes, may only travel on a declared road within the meaning of the Transport Act 1983, but must not travel:
- (a) over bridges on the roads listed in columns 1 and 2 of Table B that cross the features listed in column 3 of that Table; and
  - (b) on the roads listed in Table C.
- 3.4 A B-double is subject to the requirements of clause 11 of Schedule 2 to the Regulations as well as clause 3.3 above.
- 3.5 A road train is subject to the requirements of clause 21 of Schedule 2 to the Regulations.

Table B

Column 1 ROAD NAME	Column 2 LOCATION	Column 3 FEATURE CROSSED
Balnarring Road	Tuerong	Devilbend Creek
Burwood Road	Hawthorn	Railway
Corio Quay Road	Geelong North	Cowies Creek
Dohertys Road	Laverton North	Old sewer
Donnybrook Road	Yan Yean	Barbers Creek
Fitzgerald Road	Laverton North	Old sewer
Fullard Road	Narre Warren	Drain
Glenferrie Road	Malvern	Railway
Glenhuntly Road	Elwood	Elwood Canal
Grange Road	Burnley	Yarra River/Monash Freeway
High Street	Armadale	Railway
High Street	Glen Iris	Gardiners Creek
High Street	Melton	Little Blind Creek
High Street Road	Ashwood	Gardiners Creek

Column 1 ROAD NAME	Column 2 LOCATION	Column 3 FEATURE CROSSED
Livingstone Street	Ivanhoe	Donaldsons Creek
Lysterfield Road	Ferntree Gully	Monbulk Creek
Main Hurstbridge Road	Diamond Creek	Diamond Creek
Mornington-Flinders Road	Tuerong	Brokil Creek
Nepean Highway	Balcombe	Balcombe Creek
Nepean Highway	Mordialloc	Mordialloc Creek
Normanby Road	Coburg East	Railway
Orrong Road / Williams Road	Toorak	Railway
Queens Park Road	Geelong	Barwon River
Stanhope Grove	Camberwell	Railway
St Kilda Street	Elwood	Elwood Canal
Studley Park Road	Kew	Yarra Boulevard
Victoria Street	Abbotsford	Yarra River
Wallen Road	Hawthorn	Yarra River
Wattletree Road	Eltham	Diamond Creek

Table C

ROAD NAME	ROAD NAME
Ararat-St Arnaud Road	Chiltern-Howlong Road between Chiltern-Rutherglen Road and Murray Valley Highway
Bacchus Marsh Road between westbound and eastbound exit ramps from Western Freeway at eastern interchange	Clunes-Creswick Road between Ballarat-Maryborough Road and Creswick-Newstead Road
Ballarat-Burrumbeet Road between Western Highway and Gillies Street	Colac-Ballarat Road between Hamilton Highway and Midland Highway
Ballarat-Maryborough Road	Colac-Ballarat Road between Princes Highway and Cororooke Road
Barnawartha-Howlong Road	Colac-Forrest Road
Barwon Heads Road between Lower Duneed Road and Barwon River	Coleraine-Merino Road
Benalla-Tocumwal Road between Midland Highway and Dookie-Devenish Road	Combienbar Road
Benalla-Yarrawonga Road between Benalla-Winton Road and Tungamah Road	Dargo Road north of Beverleys Road
Bendigo-Eaglehawk Road between Long Gully-White Hills Road and Barnard Street	Daylesford-Newstead Road between Midland Highway and Creswick-Newstead Road
Bendigo-Maryborough Road between Pyrenees Highway and Bridgewater-Maldon Road	Dederang Road between Myrtleford-Yackandandah Road and Back Creek Road
Bendigo-Murchison Road between Northern Highway and Midland Highway	Don Road between Warburton Highway and Donna Buang Road
Bendigo-St Arnaud Road between Calder Alternative Highway and Bridgewater-Maldon Road	Donald-Stawell Road between Wimmera Highway and Donald-Murtoa Road
Birregurra Road	Donald-Swan Hill Road between Calder Highway and Dumosa-Quambatook Road
Boort-Wycheproof Road	Drouin-Korumburra Road between Drouin-Warragul Road and Westernport Road
Bridgewater-Maldon Road between Bendigo-Maryborough Road and Bendigo-St Arnaud Road	Dunach-Eddington Road
Bright-Tawonga Road	Dunolly-Eddington Road
Casterton-Edenhope Road between Glenelg Highway and Coleraine-Edenhope Road	Euroa Main Road

ROAD NAME	ROAD NAME
Euroa-Shepparton Road between Murchison-Violet Town Road and Shepparton Alternative Route	Kiewa East Road
Geelong-Bacchus Marsh Road between Bacchus Marsh Road and Werribee River	Koo-Wee-Rup-Longwarry Road between Healesville-Koo-Wee-Rup Road and Nar Nar Goon-Longwarry Road
Gelantipy Road between Glen Shiel Road and McKillops Road	Licola Road north of Cheynes Bridge
Gisborne-Kilmore Road between Calder Freeway and Sunbury-Riddells Creek Road	Maryborough-Dunolly Road between Dunolly-Eddington Road and Bendigo-Maryborough Road
Gisborne-Melbourne Road	Maryborough-St Arnaud Road
Glenelg Highway between Henty Highway and Coleraine-Merino Road	McKillops Road
Grampians Road between Northern Grampians Road and Lake Fyans Road	Melbourne-Lancefield Road between Lancefield-Woodend Road and Sunbury Road
Great Alpine Road between Wangaratta Road and Hume Freeway	Midland Highway between Pyrenees Highway and Daylesford-Newstead Road
Great Alpine Road between Ovens River East Branch at Harrierville and Dargo High Plains Road	Midland Highway between Benalla-Winton Road and Midland Link Highway
Great Ocean Road between Cumberland River and Glenaire	Moe-Glengarry Road between Morwell-Yallourn Road and Maryvale Road
Hamilton-Port Fairy Road between Henty Hwy and Myamyn-Macarthur Road	Mount Baw Baw Road east of Loch Valley Road
Healesville-Kinglake Road between Melba Highway and Healesville-Yarra Glen Road	Murray Valley Highway between Kerang-Koondrook Road and Donald-Swan Hill Road
Healesville-Koo-Wee-Rup Road between Warburton Highway and Maroondah Highway	Murray Valley Highway between Murray River and Cudgewa-Tintalra Road
Heathcote-Kyneton Road between McIvor Highway and Bendigo-Redesdale Road	Natimuk-Frances Road between Wimmera Highway and Nhill-Harrow Road
Heathcote-Rochester Road between Northern Highway and Bendigo-Murchison Road	Natimuk-Hamilton Road between Horsham-Noradjuha Road and Wombelano Road
Hendy Main Road	Omeo Highway between Murray Valley Highway and Benambra Road
Horsham-Drung South Road	Portland-Casterton Road between Coleraine-Merino Road and Dartmoor-Hamilton Road

ROAD NAME	ROAD NAME
Pyrenees Highway between Dunach-Eddington Road (western intersection) and Ballarat-Maryborough Road	Traralgon-Maffra Road between Tinamba-Seaton Road and McMillan Street
Rokewood-Skipton Road between Colac-Ballarat Road and Lismore-Scarsdale Road	Tyers Road between Traralgon West Road and Moe-Glengarry Road
Rushworth-Tatura Road	Walhalla Road
Shelford-Bannockburn Road	Wangaratta Road between Greta Road and Mason Street
South Gippsland Highway between Princes Highway and Rosedale-Longford Road	Warburton-Woods Point Road between Matlock and A1 Mine Settlement
Spencer Road	Warncoort-Birregurra Road
Stanley Road between Beechworth-Wangaratta Road and Buckland Gap Road	Warrnambool-Caramut Road between Koroit-Woolsthorpe Road and Mailors Flat-Koroit Road
Stawell-Avoca Road between Sunraysia Highway and Ararat-Stawell Road	Woolsthorpe-Heywood Road between Ettrick-Tyrendarra Road and Peshurst-Warrnambool Road
Sunbury-Riddells Creek Road	
Tarra Valley Road between Won Wron Road and The Grand Ridge Road	

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