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Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 1999 TOWING MORE THAN ONE TRAILER

Regulation 804 of the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 1999 ("the Regulations") provides that, except with the Road Corporation's approval, a person must not use, or cause or permit to be used, on a highway a motor vehicle that is towing more than one other vehicle.

For the purposes of that Regulation, I, Ted Vincent, delegate of the Roads Corporation, approve the towing of two portable single axle traffic signal trailers behind a motor vehicle on a highway.

This approval is subject to the combination of a motor vehicle and two portable signal trailers complying with the following conditions:

- (a) The towing vehicle must have sufficient manufacturer's rating to tow the portable traffic signal trailers;
- (b) The combination must be stable and safe when travelling at all legal road speeds;
- (c) All connections and components must be designed to withstand the forces that may be applied, particularly when operating on uneven surfaces;
- (d) The load carrying capacity of the axles and tyres on the trailers, being a non-load sharing configuration, must be sufficient to carry imposed loads, and must be at least consistent with the principle expressed in Australian Design Rule (ADR) 43 for non-load sharing axle groups, particularly when operating on an uneven surface;
- (e) In cases where the aggregate mass of the trailers is 750 kilograms or more, the combination must include at least one trailer which has an efficient braking system with:
 - (i) Brakes operating on all wheels on the axle; and
 - (ii) All brakes being operable from the driver's seat of the towing vehicle, except for over-run brakes;
- (f) The two traffic signal trailers must have a rigid and secure connection between them, and have a maximum distance between the centres of the axles of 1.45 metres;
- (g) The only point of articulation in the combination must be at the coupling point on the towing vehicle;
- (h) The two traffic signal trailers must not have any load carrying space or carry any load, except for fuel to operate the signals, and the aggregate mass of the two trailers must not exceed 870 kilograms; and
- (i) One or both of the following certificates must be submitted to the Roads Corporation's Vehicle Safety Standards Section verifying that the particular make and model of each trailer in the combination complies with the above conditions:
 - (a) For those trailers registered before the date of this Notice, a certificate signed by a mechanical engineer not later than 31 July 2004, and
 - (b) For those trailers registered on or after the date of this Notice, a Victorian Vehicle Assessment Signatory Scheme (VASS) Approval Certificate signed prior to in-service use.

Nothing in this Notice authorises the driving of a vehicle in a manner or in a condition or place that is otherwise prohibited by the **Road Safety Act 1986**, the Regulations or any other law.

The expressions used in this Notice have the same meaning as in the Regulations.

This Notice comes in to operation on 18 May 2004 and expires on 17 May 2009.

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