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## ROAD SAFETY (VEHICLES) REGULATIONS 1999

### Class 2 Notice

Conditional Exemption for Heavier B-doubles with Road Friendly Suspension  
from Certain Mass Limits

**1. Purpose**

To exempt certain class 2 vehicles from certain mass limits subject to complying with certain conditions.

**2. Authorising provision**

This Notice is made under regulation 510 of the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 1999.

**3. Commencement**

This Notice comes into operation on the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

**4. Expiration**

This Notice expires on 20 May 2006.

**5. Definitions**

In this Notice—

“**Regulations**” means the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 1999

“**road friendly suspension**” has the same meaning as in the Interstate Road Transport Regulations 1986 of the Commonwealth.

**6. Interpretation**

(1) In this Notice, unless the contrary intention appears, expressions used have the same meaning as the **Transport Act 1983** and the Regulations.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt, it is declared that nothing in this Notice is intended to authorise the driving of a B-double in a manner or in a condition or place that is contrary to any law except as specifically provided in this Notice.

**Example**

The exemption of certain vehicles with road friendly suspension from mass limits does not permit such a vehicle when used on a particular road to be driven over any bridge on that road in contravention of a posted mass or dimension limit in relation to that bridge.

**7. Conditional exemption from mass limits of certain heavier B-doubles**

(1) By this Notice, the Roads Corporation exempts B-doubles which are fitted with road friendly suspension on —

(a) a single axle with 4 tyres, on a motor vehicle or semi-trailer; or

(b) a tandem axle group with 6 tyres, on a motor vehicle; or

(c) a tandem axle group with 8 tyres, on a motor vehicle or semi-trailer; or

(d) a tri-axle group with 12 tyres on a semi-trailer from the requirements of clauses 2, 3 and 4 of Schedule 2 to the Regulations.

(2) However, a vehicle is exempt only if all conditions of the exemption set out in the Schedule to this Notice are being complied with.

Dated 20 March 2006

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Roads Corporation

**SPECIAL**

**SCHEDULE**  
**CONDITIONS OF EXEMPTION**  
**PART 1 – MASS LIMITS**

- 1.1 The mass limits for a vehicle to which this Notice applies are the same as those that apply under clauses 2, 3 and 4 of Schedule 2 to the Regulations except where a different mass limit is specified by this Schedule.
- 1.2 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 axle with 4 tyres, on a motor vehicle or semi-trailer	10.0
Tandem axle group with 6 tyres, on a motor vehicle	14.0
Tandem axle group with 8 tyres, on a motor vehicle or semi-trailer	17.0
Tri-axle group with 12 tyres on a semi-trailer	22.5

- 1.3 A B-double must comply with clause 3 of Schedule 2 to the Regulations as if the mass limits set out in column 2 of Table 11 of the Regulations were increased by –
- (a) in respect of each single axle with 4 tyres with a road friendly suspension – 1.0 tonne;
  - (b) in respect of each tandem axle group with 8 tyres with a road friendly suspension – 0.5 tonne;
  - (c) in respect of each tandem axle group with 6 tyres with a road friendly suspension – 1.0 tonne; and
  - (d) in respect of each tri-axle group with 12 tyres with a road friendly suspension – 2.5 tonnes.
- 1.4 A B-double must comply with clause 4 of Schedule 2 to the Regulations as if the reference to “62.5 tonnes” in paragraph (d) of that clause were a reference to “68.0 tonnes”.
- 1.5 A vehicle operating under the conditions of this Notice must have, in its driving compartment, for the purposes of regulation 821 of the Regulations, a copy of this notice.

**PART 2 – ACCREDITATION OF CERTAIN OPERATORS**

- 2.1 The registered operator of a B-double with a tri-axle group exceeding 20.0 tonnes must be accredited under either:
- (a) The Mass Management Module of the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme; or
  - (b) National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme Agreement for Mass Management, known as the Mass Management Accreditation (Pilot) Program; or
  - (c) Transport SA Heavy Vehicle Mass Management Scheme.

**PART 3 – LOCAL ROADS ON WHICH HEAVIER B-DOUBLES MAY TRAVEL**

3.1 The local roads to which this Schedule applies are:

**CITY OF WYNDHAM**

Doherty's Road between Palmers Road and Fitzgerald Road;  
Leakes Road between Palmers Road and Fitzgerald Road; and  
Palmers Road between Boundary Road and Sayers Road.

**SHIRE OF MELTON**

Robinsons Road between the Melbourne–Ballarat railway line and Boundary Road;  
Westwood Drive between Robinsons Road at the Melbourne–Ballarat railway line and the Western Highway.

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