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ROAD SAFETY (VEHICLES) REGULATIONS 1999

Class 2 Notice –

Conditional Exemption of Heavier Controlled Access Buses 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 September 2011.

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 vehicle 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 heavier controlled access buses

(1) By this Notice, the Roads Corporation exempts the category of class 2 vehicles referred to in clause 33 of Schedule 2 to the Regulations which are fitted with road friendly suspension on –

- (a) a single axle with 4 tyres; or
- (b) a tandem axle group with 6 tyres; or
- (c) a tandem axle group with 8 tyres –

from the mass limits referred to in that clause.

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

Dated 27 September 2006

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SPECIAL

SCHEDULE
CONDITIONS OF EXEMPTION – MASS LIMITS

- 1.1 The mass limits for a vehicle to which this Notice applies are the same as those that apply under clause 33 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 the Table, if fitted with a road friendly suspension, is the limit set out in column 2 of the Table opposite the description in column 1.

TABLE

Column 1	Column 2
DESCRIPTION OF SINGLE AXLE OR AXLE GROUP	MASS LIMITS (tonnes)
Tandem axle with 4 tyres	10.0
Tandem axle with 6 tyres	14.0
Tandem axle with 8 tyres	17.0

- 1.3 A vehicle must comply with clause 33 of Schedule 2 to the Regulations as if the mass limits in column 2 of Table 2 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 6 tyres with a road friendly suspension – 1.0 tonne; and
 - (c) in respect of each tandem axle group with 8 tyres with a road friendly suspension – 0.5 tonne.

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