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## ROAD SAFETY (VEHICLES) REGULATIONS 1999

### Class 3 Notice

#### Exemption of Vehicles Carrying Baled Hay from Certain Dimension Limits and Warning Devices Requirements

##### **1. Purpose**

To declare vehicles loaded with baled hay that are class 3 vehicles to be exempt from certain dimension limits and from displaying certain warning devices.

##### **2. Authorising provision**

This Notice is made under regulation 516 of the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 1999 which provides that the Corporation may, by a notice published in the Government Gazette, exempt a category of class 3 vehicles from –

- (a) a mass or dimension limit (other than a limit that relates to a GVM, GCM or a manufacturer's limit); or
- (b) any other requirement –

set out in Schedule 3 of the Regulations. A notice may contain any conditions the Corporation thinks fit.

##### **3. Commencement**

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

##### **4. Expiration**

This Notice expires on 1 August 2010.

##### **5. Definitions**

In this Notice –

**'Corporation'** means the Roads Corporation;

**'hay'** includes straw;

**'Regulations'** means the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 1999.

##### **6. Interpretation**

- (1) In this Notice, unless the contrary intention appears, expressions used have the same meaning as in the **Road Safety Act 1986** 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 from dimension 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. Declaration of dimension limits for heavy vehicles loaded with baled hay**

The class 3 vehicles specified in Column 1 of Table 1 are hereby exempt by the Corporation from the provisions of Schedule 3 to the Regulations specified in Column 2 of Table 1, subject to the conditions specified in Column 3 of Table 1.

**SPECIAL**

**Table 1 – Dimension Limits**

<b>Column 1 – Class 3 vehicles</b>	<b>Column 2 – Provisions</b>	<b>Column 3 – Conditions</b>
A class 3 vehicle transporting baled hay that is a rigid vehicle with a single steering axle and a rear tandem axle group with 8 tyres.	Clause 27 of Schedule 3 to the Regulations, but only to the extent that it requires a vehicle carrying a load of baled hay to comply with the requirements specified in regulation 407(1) (maximum height) and regulation 408 (maximum width). <sup>1</sup> Clause 29(1) of Schedule 3 to the Regulations, but only to the extent that it specifies a maximum height for a load of baled hay on a vehicle. <sup>2</sup>	The exemption only applies provided that the laden dimensions of the vehicle do not exceed 2.7 metres wide and 4.6 metres high.
A class 3 vehicle transporting baled hay that is a 6-axle articulated vehicle comprising a prime mover (with a single steering axle and a tandem axle group with 8 tyres) and a semi-trailer (with a tri-axle group with 12 tyres).	Clause 27 of Schedule 3 to the Regulations, but only to the extent that it requires a vehicle carrying a load of baled hay to comply with the requirements specified in regulation 407(1) (maximum height) and regulation 408 (maximum width). <sup>1</sup> Clause 29(2) of Schedule 3 to the Regulations, but only to the extent that it specifies a maximum width for a load of baled hay on a vehicle.	The exemption only applies provided that the laden dimensions of the vehicle do not exceed 2.7 metres wide and 4.6 metres high.

<b>Column 1 – Class 3 vehicles</b>	<b>Column 2 – Provisions</b>	<b>Column 3 – Conditions</b>
<p>A class 3 vehicle transporting baled hay that is a B-double comprising a prime mover (with a single steering axle and a tandem axle group with 8 tyres) and each semi-trailer with a tri-axle group with 12 tyres.</p>	<p>Clause 28 of Schedule 3 to the Regulations, but only to the extent that it requires a B-double carrying a load of baled hay to comply with the requirements specified in clause 9(2) of Schedule 2 (maximum height), regulation 407(1) (maximum height) and regulation 408 (maximum width).<sup>3</sup></p>	<p>The exemption only applies provided that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the laden dimensions of the vehicle do not exceed 2.7 metres wide and 4.6 metres high; and</li> <li>(b) the following warning devices are displayed – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) one OVERTSIZE sign at the front of the vehicle and one OVERTSIZE sign at the rear of the vehicle, both of which must satisfy the specifications and requirements specified in clauses 14 to 19 of Schedule 1 to the Regulations and, for the purposes of this paragraph, a reference to a class 1 vehicle in those clauses must be read as if it were a reference to a class 3 vehicle transporting baled hay; and</li> <li>(ii) four brightly coloured red or yellow, or red and yellow, flags, each at least 450 millimetres long and 450 millimetres wide, attached to the outer extremities of the vehicle or, where the load of hay projects beyond the vehicle, attached to the projecting hay; and</li> <li>(c) rear clearance lights and side marker lights (as required under clauses 93 to 97 of Schedule 8 to the Regulations) are not obscured by any part of the load.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Note: Clause 27 of Schedule 3 to the Regulations requires a vehicle carrying a load of baled hay to comply with the dimension limits set out in Division 2 of Part 4 of the Regulations that apply to that vehicle. Regulations 407(1) and 408 form Part of Division 2 of Part 4.

<sup>2</sup> Note: Clause 29(1) of Schedule 3 to the Regulations provides that the maximum height for a load of baled hay on a vehicle (other than a B-double) is 4.3 metres and the maximum width for a load of baled hay on a vehicle is 3.0 metres. From the commencement of this notice, the vehicles referred to in Column 1 of Table 1 that are conditionally exempt from complying with clause 29(1) of Schedule 3 have the option of either –

- (a) continuing to comply with the dimension limits specified in clause 29(1) of Schedule 3 (3.0 metres wide and 4.3 metres high); or
- (b) operating within the dimension limits permitted under this Notice (2.7 metres wide and 4.6 metres high).

<sup>3</sup> Note: Clause 28 of Schedule 3 to the Regulations requires a B-double carrying a load of baled hay to comply with the dimension limits set out in Division 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Regulations. That Division provides that, subject to some special rules specified in that Division, the dimension limits for a vehicle that combines with other vehicles to form a B-double are the limits for that vehicle set out in Division 2 of Part 4 of the Regulations.

#### **8. Declaration of warning device requirements for heavy vehicles loaded with baled hay**

The class 3 vehicles specified in Column 1 of Table 2 are hereby exempt by the Corporation from the provisions of Schedule 3 to the Regulations specified in Column 2 of Table 2, subject to the conditions specified in Column 3 of Table 2.

**Table 2 – Warning Devices**

<b>Column 1 – Class 3 vehicles</b>	<b>Column 2 – Provisions</b>	<b>Column 3 – Conditions</b>
At night, a class 3 vehicle carrying a load of baled hay (other than a B-double).	Clause 32(1) of Schedule 3 to the Regulations (warning devices).	The exemption only applies provided that – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the laden width of the vehicle does not exceed 2.7 metres; and</li> <li>(b) rear clearance lights and side marker lights (as required under clauses 93 to 97 of Schedule 8 to the Regulations) are not obscured by any part of the load.</li> </ul>

Dated 1 August 2008

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(pursuant to an instrument of delegation made  
under the official seal of the Roads Corporation)

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