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ROAD SAFETY (VEHICLES) REGULATIONS 1999

Declaration in Relation to Silage Trailers

1. Purpose

To declare a silage trailer to be a class 3 vehicle, and specify certain mass and dimension limits for that vehicle, subject to certain conditions.

2. Authorising provision

This declaration is made under regulation 515 (2) of the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 1999 which provides that the Corporation may, by notice published in the Government Gazette, declare a category of vehicles to be class 3 vehicles, and clauses 39 and 40 of Schedule 3 to the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 1999 which provides that the Corporation may specify mass or dimension limits in relation to vehicles subject to a declaration.

3. Commencement

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

4. Expiration

This declaration expires on 1 September 2013.

5. Definitions

In this declaration—

‘**Corporation**’ means the Roads Corporation;

‘**Melbourne and Geelong Urban Area**’, ‘**Mountainous Area**’, and ‘**Otway Area**’ mean areas as defined in the Annexure;

‘**Restricted Route**’ means a road on which travel of oversize vehicles is restricted. Restricted Routes are defined in the Annexure.

‘**silage**’ means green fodder stored and fermented for the feeding of livestock;

‘**silage trailer**’ means a trailer:

- i) fitted with either a grass chopping or processing device or a mechanism for self-loading and unloading such as a conveyor; and
- ii) is carrying loose silage; or
- iii) is carrying loose cut green grass or crops intended for the manufacture of silage; or
- iv) is travelling unladen in preparation for ii) or iii) above;

‘**Regulations**’ means the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 1999.

6. Interpretation

(1) In this declaration, 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 declaration 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 declaration.

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.

SPECIAL

7. Declaration of silage trailers

I, Don Hogben, delegate of the Roads Corporation, —

- 1) In accordance with regulation 515(2), declare a silage trailer to be a class 3 vehicle; and
- 2) In accordance with clause 39 of Schedule 3 to the Regulations, specify that the mass limit for a silage trailer that is being towed by a tractor must not exceed the lesser of:
 - a. The relevant mass limits set out in Division 1 of Part 4 of the Regulations; or
 - b. Subject to any limit set by the respective manufacturers of the tractor or trailer or any posted or zone speed limit:
 - i. where the trailer is fitted with brakes with driver control and breakaway protection and the speed of the vehicle is not more than 30 km/h, the mass of the silage trailer may exceed the mass of the tractor by not more than 50%; or
 - ii. where the trailer is fitted with brakes with driver control and breakaway protection and the speed of the vehicle is not more than 25 km/h, the mass of the silage trailer may exceed the mass of the tractor by not more than 100%.
- 3) In accordance with clause 40 of Schedule 3 to the Regulations, specify that the maximum width of a silage trailer is 3.0 metres provided that the following conditions are complied with:
 - a. A silage trailer that exceeds a width of 2.5 metres may only be towed by an agricultural tractor;
 - b. A silage trailer that exceeds a width of 2.5 metres may only be towed in a tractor and single trailer combination;
 - c. A silage trailer that exceeds a width of 2.5 metres may be towed only between the hours of sunrise and sunset, but is prohibited:
 - i. on school bus routes during school bus travel times;
 - ii. where atmospheric visibility is less than 250 metres; if the vehicle is already travelling when visibility is reduced to less than 250 metres, the driver must travel to the nearest safe parking area and wait until visibility improves before continuing to travel;
 - iii. through or within the Melbourne and Geelong Urban Areas, the Mountainous Area or the Otway Area, except where the route has been verified by the Corporation as being suitable for travel and a permit to do so is obtained from the Corporation;
 - iv. on a freeway or any Restricted Route except under the circumstances where there is no other practical access to a property and a permit to do so is obtained from the Corporation;
 - d. A silage trailer that exceeds a width of 2.5 metres must display the following:
 - i. an OVERSIZE sign compliant with clauses 14–17 of Schedule 1 to the Regulations, attached to the rear of the trailer;
 - ii. warning flags compliant with clause 9(1)(c) of Schedule 1 of the Regulations, attached to the four corners of the trailer;
 - iii. warning lights compliant with clauses 11–12 of Schedule 1 of the Regulations;
 - iv. Clauses of Schedule 1 referenced above apply to a silage trailer as if a reference to a class 1 vehicle in those clauses were a reference to a silage trailer that is wider than 2.5 metres;

- e. Where a silage trailer exceeds a width of 2.5 metres and headlights are fitted to the tractor, the tractor must have its headlights on low beam;
- f. The vehicle complies with the requirements for rear marking plates as set out in clause 119 of Schedule 8 to the Regulations;
- g. The speed of travel for a tractor towing a silage trailer must not exceed the lesser of:
 - i. any speed rating set by the respective manufacturers of the tractor or the trailer, including any components such as tow coupling; or
 - ii. for trailers fitted with automatic brakes without driver control, not more than 25 km/h; or
 - iii. for trailers fitted with brakes under driver control and breakaway protection, not more than 50 km/h; or
 - iv. for trailers fitted with brakes under driver control and breakaway protection and anti-lock braking on all trailer wheels, not more than 60 km/h;
- h. A silage trailer that exceeds a width of 2.5 metres may be towed on the road only up to a distance of 25 kilometres from the starting point for travel, being from where the vehicle was stored overnight, measured along the road;
- i. The transport of silage or grass material over distances further than 25 kilometres from the starting point for travel, being from where the vehicle was stored overnight, measured along the road, must be performed using conventional goods-carrying vehicles;
- j. Transport of an unladen silage trailer that exceeds a width of 2.5 metres beyond 25 kilometres from the starting point for travel, being from where the vehicle was stored overnight, measured along the road, must be on a suitable load-carrying vehicle, subject to the relevant conditions of Part 1 and Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the Regulations.

Dated 5 September 2008

DON HOGBEN
Acting Executive Director
Road Safety and Network Access
Roads Corporation

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

ANNEXURE

Interpretation:

‘Melbourne and Geelong Urban Area’;

‘Mountainous Area’;

‘Otway Area’;

‘Restricted Route’.

‘Melbourne and Geelong Urban Area’ means the area contained within the following boundary. It does not include the boundary itself, except between (a) and (b) respectively. It does not include Hamilton Highway (known as Deviation Road) between Hyland Street and Minerva Road at Fyansford.

In a north-westerly direction along the Werribee boundary from Princes Freeway to the Wyndham Vale boundary; then in a north-westerly direction along the Wyndham Vale boundary to the Tarneit boundary; then in a northerly direction along the Tarneit boundary to Melton–Werribee Road (Hopkins Road); then in a northerly direction along Melton–Werribee Road to Neale Road; then in an easterly direction along Neale Road to Sinclairs Road; then in a northerly direction along Sinclairs Road to Taylors Road; then in a westerly direction along Taylors Road to Plumpton

Road; then in a northerly direction along Plumpton Road and Vineyard Road; then in a northerly direction along Vineyard Road to Calder Freeway; then in an easterly direction along the Diggers Rest boundary to Bulla–Diggers Rest Road; then in an easterly direction along Bulla–Diggers Rest Road to Bulla Road; then in a southerly direction along Bulla Road to Somerton Road; then in a north-easterly direction along Somerton Road to Mickleham Road; then in a northerly direction along Mickleham Road to Donnybrook Road; then in an easterly direction along Donnybrook Road to Main Whittlesea Road (Plenty Road);

(a) then in a southerly direction along Main Whittlesea Road to Arthurs Creek Road; then in an easterly direction along Arthurs Creek Road to Yan Yean Road; then in a southerly direction along Yan Yean Road to Heidelberg–King Lake Road (Diamond Creek Road); then in a southerly direction along Heidelberg–King Lake Road to Para Road; then in a southerly direction along Para Road to Eltham–Yarra Glen Road (Main Road); then in an easterly direction along Eltham–Yarra Glen Road to Fitzsimons Lane; then in a southerly direction along Fitzsimons Lane to Heidelberg–Warrandyte Road (Porter Street); then in an easterly direction along Heidelberg–Warrandyte Road to Kangaroo Ground–Warrandyte Road; then in an easterly direction along the Yarra River to Yarra Glen; then in a southerly direction along Melba Highway to Maroondah Highway; then in a southerly direction along Maroondah Highway to Lilydale–Monbulk Road (Anderson Street); then in a southerly direction along Lilydale–Monbulk Road to Lilydale–Montrose Road (Swansea Road); then in a southerly direction along Lilydale–Montrose Road to Canterbury Road; then in a south-westerly direction along Canterbury Road to Liverpool Road; then in a southerly direction along Liverpool Road to Mountain Highway; then in a south-easterly direction along Mountain Highway to the City of Knox boundary; then in a westerly then southerly direction along the City of Knox boundary to Wellington Road; then in an easterly direction along Wellington Road to Berwick Road; then in a southerly direction along Berwick Road and Harkaway Road to Gardiner Street; then in an easterly direction along Gardiner Street and Inglis Road to Beaconsfield–Emerald Road;

(b) then in a southerly direction along Beaconsfield–Emerald Road to Princes Highway; then in an easterly direction along Princes Highway to Ryan Road at Pakenham; then in a southerly direction along Ryan Road to Bald Hill Road; then in an easterly direction along Bald Hill Road to McDonalds Drain Road; then in a southerly direction along McDonalds Drain Road to Ballarto Road; then in a westerly direction along Ballarto Road to South Gippsland Highway; then in an easterly direction along South Gippsland Highway to the coastline at Sawtells Inlet, Tooradin; then from Tooradin along the Victorian coastline to the Western boundary of City of Greater Geelong; then in a northerly direction along the Western boundary of City of Greater Geelong to Midland Highway; then in an easterly direction along Midland Highway to Geelong–Ballan Road; then in a northerly direction along Geelong–Ballan Road to Staceys Road; then in an easterly direction along Staceys Road to Geelong–Bacchus Marsh Road; then in a northerly direction along the Geelong–Bacchus Marsh Road to Windermere Road; then in an easterly direction along Windermere Road to McIntyre Road; then in an easterly along McIntyre Road to Old Melbourne Road; then in a northerly direction along Old Melbourne Road to Beach Road; then in a southerly direction along Beach Road to Princes Freeway; then in along Princes Freeway to the western boundary of Werribee.

‘Mountainous Area’ means the area contained within the following boundary. It does not include the boundary itself and the exempt roads in List (e) below:

List (e)

<p>Benambra Road between Omeo and Benambra; Gelantipy Road between Buchan and Gelantipy; Great Alpine Road between Bruthen and Omeo; Great Alpine Road between Myrtleford and Harrierville; Kiewa Valley Highway; Maroondah Highway from Coldstream to Healesville and St Fillans to Buxton; Melba Highway between Glenburn and Coldstream; Moe–Rawson Road from Moe–Willowgrove Road to Parkers Corner; Monaro Highway; Omeo Highway between Omeo and Benambra Road; School Road, Erica; Thomson Dam Access Road; Tyers–Thomson Valley Road from Tyers to Thomson Dam Access Road.</p>

From the intersection of Main Whittlesea Road and Arthurs Creek Road in an easterly direction along Arthurs Creek Road to Yan Yean Road; then in a southerly direction along Yan Yean Road to Heidelberg–King Lake Road (Diamond Creek Road); then in a southerly direction along Heidelberg–King Lake Road (Diamond Creek Road) to Para Road; then in a southerly direction along Para Road to Eltham–Yarra Glen Road (Main Road); then in a easterly direction along Eltham–Yarra Glen Road (Main Road) to Fitzsimons Lane; then in a southerly direction along Fitzsimons Lane to Heidelberg–Warrandyte Road (Porter Street); then in an easterly direction along Heidelberg–Warrandyte Road to Kangaroo–Warrandyte Road; then in an easterly direction along the Yarra River to Yarra Glen; then in a southerly direction along Melba Highway to Maroondah Highway then in a southerly direction along Maroondah Highway to Lilydale–Monbulk Road (Anderson Street); then in a southerly direction along Lilydale–Monbulk Road to Lilydale–Montrose Road (Swansea Road); then in a southerly direction along Lilydale–Montrose Road to Canterbury Road; then in a south-westerly direction along Canterbury Road to Liverpool Road; then in a southerly direction along Liverpool Road to the Mountain Highway; then in a south easterly direction along Mountain Highway to the City of Knox boundary; then in a westerly then southerly direction along the City of Knox boundary to Wellington Road; then in an easterly direction along Wellington Road to Berwick Road; then in a southerly direction along Berwick Road to Harkaway Road; then in a southerly direction along Harkaway Road to Gardiner Street; then in an easterly direction along Gardiner Street and Inglis Road to Beaconsfield–Emerald Road; then in a southerly direction along Beaconsfield–Emerald Road to Princes Highway; then in an easterly direction along the Princes Highway and Princes Freeway to Moe–Glengarry Road; then in an easterly direction along Moe–Glengarry Road and Glengarry–Tyres Road to Traralgon–Maffra Road; then in a north-easterly direction along Traralgon–Maffra Road to the Cowwarr–Seaton Road; then in a northerly direction along Cowwarr–Seaton Road to Seymours Lane; then in a northerly direction along Seymours Lane to Seaton–Glenmaggie Road; then in a northerly direction along Seaton–Glenmaggie Road to Licola Road; then in a straight line in a north-easterly direction to Valencia Creek; then in a straight line in an easterly direction to Bruthen; then in an easterly direction along the Bruthen–Nowa Nowa Road to Princes Highway; then in an easterly direction along Princes Highway to the Victoria–New South Wales border; then in a north-westerly direction along the Victoria–New South Wales border to the Murray Valley Highway; from the intersection of the New South Wales border and Murray Valley Highway in a straight line in a south-westerly direction to Running Creek; then in a westerly direction along Running Creek Road and Happy Valley Road to Ovens; then in a straight line in a westerly direction to Moyhu; then in a southerly direction along Wangaratta–Whitfield Road and Mansfield–Whitfield Road to Toombullup; then from Toombullup in a straight line in a southerly direction to Merrijig; then in a westerly direction along Mount Buller Road to Mansfield; then in a straight line in a south-westerly direction to Goulburn Valley Highway, Eildon; then in a westerly direction along Goulburn Valley Highway to Taggerty–Thornton Road; then in a south-westerly direction along Taggerty–Thornton Road and Maroondah Highway to Buxton; then in a straight line in a westerly direction to the intersection of the Melba Highway and Break O’Day Road, Glenburn; then in a north-westerly direction along Break O’Day Road to Whittlesea–Yea Road; then in a southerly direction along Whittlesea–Yea Road to Whittlesea; then in a southerly direction along Main Whittlesea Road to Arthurs Creek Road.

‘Otway Area’ means the area contained within the following boundary. It does not include the boundary itself.

From the intersection of Great Ocean Road and Forest Road at Anglesea, in a northerly direction along Forest Road to Gum Flats Road; then in a westerly direction along Gum Flats Road to Hammond Road; then in a southerly direction along Hammond Road to Bambra–Aireys Inlet Road; then in a westerly direction along Bambra–Aireys Inlet Road to Winchelsea–Deans Marsh Road; then in a southerly direction along Winchelsea–Deans Marsh Road and Deans Marsh–Lorne Road to Pennyroyal Station Road; then in a north-westerly direction along Pennyroyal Station Road to Kinsellas Road; then in a southerly direction along Kinsellas Road and Murroon Road to Division Road; then in a westerly direction along Division Road to McPaddens Road; then in a southerly direction along McPaddens Road to Creamery Road; then in a westerly direction along Creamery

Road to Birregurra–Forrest Road; then in a southerly direction along Birregurra–Forrest Road to Seven Bridges Road; then in a westerly direction along Seven Bridges Road to Colac–Forrest Road; then in a southerly direction along Colac–Forrest Road to Boundary Road; then in a westerly direction along Boundary Road to Pipeline Road; then in a northerly direction along Pipeline Road to Park Lodge Road; then in a northerly direction along Park Lodge Road to McDonald s Road; then in a westerly direction along McDonalds Road to Colac–Lavers Hill Road then in a southerly direction along Colac–Lavers Hill Road to Gellibrand–Carlisle Road; then in a westerly direction along Gellibrand–Carlisle Road to Gellibrand River Road; then in a south-westerly direction along Gellibrand River Road to Great Ocean Road; then in a north-westerly direction along the Great Ocean Road, extending to the coastline south of Princetown at Point Ronald; then in an easterly direction along the Victorian coastline to the Anglesea River; then northerly direction along Great Ocean Road to Forest Road.

‘Restricted Route’ means–

Gellibrand River Road between Carlisle River and Lower Gellibrand; Gellibrand–Carlisle Road between Carlisle River and Gellibrand; Great Ocean Road between O’Donohue Road, Anglesea and Cobden–Port Campbell Road, Port Campbell; Hamilton Highway (known as Deviation Road) between Hyland Street and Minerva Road at Fyansford; Northern Grampians Road between Glenisla–Rosebrook Road and Grampians Road; Silverband Road in the Grampians National Park; and Wartook Road in the Grampians National Park.

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