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ROAD SAFETY (VEHICLES) REGULATIONS 2009

Approval to Tow More Than One Trailer

1. Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to approve the towing of two portable traffic signal trailers subject to the conditions set out below.

2. Authorising provision

This notice is made under regulation 249(1) of the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2009 (in this notice to be referred to as the **Vehicles Regulations**).

Regulation 249(1) of the Vehicles Regulations provides that a person must not, without the Roads Corporation's approval, use, or cause or permit to be used, on a highway a motor vehicle that is towing more than one other vehicle.

3. Commencement

This notice comes into operation on 9 November 2009.

4. Revocation

The notice published in Government Gazette No. S 116 on 30 April 2009 entitled 'Towing More Than One Trailer' is revoked.

5. Expiry

This notice expires on 9 November 2014, unless revoked earlier.

6. Approval

For the purposes of regulation 249(1) of the Vehicles Regulations, I, George Mavroyeni, delegate of the Roads Corporation, approve the towing of two portable traffic signal trailers provided that –

- (a) before a combination of a motor vehicle and two portable signal trailers of a particular make or model is first used in-service on a highway, an Engineering Report by a Vehicle Assessment Signatory Scheme ('VASS') approved engineer must be submitted to the Roads Corporation verifying that the particular make and model of each individual trailer, in combination as a pair and in combination with a towing vehicle, complies with the following conditions –
 - (i) the towing vehicle has sufficient manufacturer's rating to tow the portable traffic signal trailers or complies with regulations 163(2)(a) or 163(2)(b) of the Vehicles Regulations; and
 - (ii) the combination is stable and safe when travelling at all legally allowable speed limits; and
 - (iii) all connections and components are designed to withstand the forces that may be applied, particularly when driving over uneven surfaces; and
 - (iv) the load carrying capacity of the axles and tyres on the trailers, being a non-load sharing configuration, is sufficient to carry the trailer's mass, and is at least consistent with the principle expressed in the 'Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 43/04 – Vehicle Configuration and Dimensions)' for non-load sharing groups, particularly when travelling over uneven surfaces; and
 - (v) in cases where the aggregate mass of the two trailers is 750 kilograms or more, the combination includes at least one trailer which has an efficient braking system with brakes operating on all wheels of at least one axle; and

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- (vi) for trailers exceeding 2 tonnes Gross Trailer Mass, all brakes are operable from the driver's seat of the towing vehicle, except for over-run brakes; and
- (vii) the two traffic signal trailers have –
 - (A) a rigid and secure connection between them; and
 - (B) a maximum distance of 2.0 metres between the axle centres; and
- (viii) the two traffic signal trailers do not carry any load except for necessary signs and traffic control devices; and
- (ix) the sum of the trailer masses, including any signs, does not exceed –
 - (A) 1300 kilograms for solar powered trailers; or
 - (B) 870 kilograms for fuel powered trailers; and
- (b) each individual trailer, in combination as a pair and in combination with a towing vehicle, continues to comply with the conditions set out in clause 6(a) of this notice.

Note: Words and phrases in this notice have the same meanings as in the **Road Safety Act 1986** and the Regulations under that Act.

Dated 9 November 2009

GEORGE MAVROYENI
Executive Director
Road Safety and Network Access
Roads Corporation

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