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ROAD SAFETY (VEHICLES) REGULATIONS 1999

Towing More Than One Trailer

Regulations 804 of the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 1999 ('the Regulations') provides that, except with the Roads Corporation's approval, a person must not use, or cause or permit to be used, on a highway a motor vehicle that is towing more than one vehicle.

For the purposes of that Regulation, I, George Mavroyeni, delegate of the Roads Corporation, approve the towing of two portable traffic signal trailers subject to the conditions set out below.

- (1) The combination of a motor vehicle and two portable signal trailers must comply with the following conditions:
 - (a) The towing vehicle must have sufficient manufacturer's rating to tow the portable traffic signal trailers;
 - (b) The combination must be stable and safe when travelling at all legal road speed limits;
 - (c) All connections and components must be designed to withstand the forces that may be applied, particularly when driving over uneven surfaces;
 - (d) The load carrying capacity of the axles and tyres on the trailers, being a non-load sharing configuration, must be sufficient to carry the trailer's mass, and must be at least consistent with the principle expressed in the Australian Design Rule (ADR) 43/04 Vehicle Configuration and Dimensions for non-load sharing groups, particularly when travelling over uneven surfaces;
 - (e) In cases where the aggregate mass of the two trailers is 750 kilograms or more, the combination must include at least one trailer which has an efficient braking system with brakes operating on all wheels of at least one axle;
 - (f) For trailers exceeding 2 tonnes Gross Trailer Mass, all brakes must be operable from the driver's seat of the towing vehicle, except for over-run brakes;
 - (g) The two traffic signal trailers must have:
 - (i) a rigid and secure connection between them; and
 - (ii) a maximum distance of 2.0 metres between the axle centres;
 - (h) The two traffic signal trailers must not carry any load except for necessary signs and traffic control devices; and
 - (i) The sum of the trailer masses, including any signs, must not exceed:
 - (i) 1300 kilograms for solar powered trailers; or
 - (ii) 870 kilograms for fuel powered trailers.
- (2) Before a combination of a motor vehicle and two portable signal trailers is used on a highway, a Vehicle Assessment Signatory Scheme approval certificate must have been submitted to the Roads Corporation's Vehicle Safety Standards Section verifying that the particular make and model of each trailer, both in combination as a pair, and in combination with the towing vehicle, comply with the above conditions.

Nothing in this Notice authorises the driving of a vehicle in a manner or in a condition or place that is otherwise prohibited by the **Road Safety Act 1986**, the Regulations or any other law.

SPECIAL

The expressions used in this Notice have the same meaning as in the **Road Safety Act 1986** and the Regulations.

This Notice comes into operation on the date of its publication in the Victoria Government Gazette. Upon the publication of this Notice, Gazette Notice No. S115 of 18 May 2004 is revoked. This Notice shall be effective until 21 April 2014 unless otherwise revoked.

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