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ROAD SAFETY (VEHICLES) REGULATIONS 2009

Class 2 Vehicles in a Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme Eligible for Concessional Mass Limits

1. Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to specify the class 2 vehicles that are eligible for Concessional Mass Limits and to exempt those vehicles from the mass limits in Schedule 8 to the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2009 (in this notice referred to as the Vehicles Regulations).

2. Authorising provision

This notice is made under regulation 188 of the Vehicles Regulations. Regulation 188 provides that the Roads Corporation, by a notice published in the Government Gazette, may exempt a category of class 2 vehicles from any of the following requirements set out in Schedule 8 to those Regulations –

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

3. Commencement

This notice comes into operation on the date it is published in the Government Gazette.

4. Revocation

The notice published in Government Gazette No. S 322 on 7 December 2007 entitled Class 2 Vehicles in a Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme Eligible for Concessional Mass Limits is revoked.

5. Expiry

This notice expires on 9 November 2014.

6. Definition

In this notice, **tag trailer** means a trailer that –

- (a) has one single axle or axle group towards the rear of its load-carrying surface; and
- (b) is connected to the towing vehicle by a drawbar.

7. Exemption

For the purposes of regulation 188 of the Vehicles Regulations, I, James Holgate, delegate of the Roads Corporation, exempt a class 2 vehicle from the mass limits in Schedule 8 to the Vehicles Regulations, provided that –

- (a) the vehicle is accredited under the Mass Management Module of the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme; and
- (b) the vehicle is not –
 - (i) a bus;
 - (ii) a truck and pig trailer combination; or
 - (iii) a truck and tag trailer combination; and
- (c) the vehicle does not exceed the concessional mass limits specified in the Schedule to this notice.

SPECIAL

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 30 December 2009

JAMES HOLGATE
Acting Executive Director
Road Safety and Network Access
Roads Corporation

SCHEDULE
CONCESSIONAL MASS LIMITS

1. Mass limits for axle groups

Each axle group is permitted the lesser of –

- (a) the mass limit set out in column 2 of Table A opposite the description of the axle group in column 1, subject to compliance with the mass limits related to axle spacing as set out in regulation 160 of the Vehicles Regulations; and
- (b) an additional mass on each axle group, as set out in Table B, than compliance with regulation 160 would otherwise allow.

TABLE A

Column 1 AXLE GROUP	Column 2 MASS LIMIT
Tandem axle group – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● fitted with single tyres with a section width of – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) less than 375 mm (b) 375 mm or more but less than 450 mm (c) 450 mm or more ● fitted with single tyres on one axle and dual tyres on the other axle ● fitted with dual tyres 	11.5 tonnes 13.8 tonnes 14.5 tonnes 13.5 tonnes 17.0 tonnes
Tri-axle group – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● fitted with single tyres with a section width of less than 375 mm on 1, 2 or all axles of the axle group ● fitted with single tyres with a section width of at least 375 mm or dual tyres 	15.5 tonnes 21.0 tonnes
Quad-axle group – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● fitted with single tyres with a section width of less than 375 mm on 1, 2 or all axles of the axle group ● fitted with single tyres with a section width of at least 375 mm or dual tyres 	15.5 tonnes 21.0 tonnes

TABLE B

Column 1 AXLE GROUP	Column 2 ADDITIONAL MASS
Tandem axle group – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● fitted with single tyres with a section width of – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) less than 375 mm (b) 375 mm or more but less than 450 mm (c) 450 mm or more ● fitted with single tyres on one axle and dual tyres on the other axle ● fitted with dual tyres 	0.5 tonne 0.5 tonne 0.5 tonne 0.5 tonne 0.5 tonne
Tri-axle group – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● fitted with single tyres with a section width of less than 375 mm on 1, 2 or all axles of the axle group ● fitted with single tyres with a section width of at least 375 mm or dual tyres 	0.5 tonne 1.0 tonne
Quad-axle group – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● fitted with single tyres with a section width of less than 375 mm on 1, 2 or all axles of the axle group ● fitted with single tyres with a section width of at least 375 mm or dual tyres 	0.5 tonne 1.0 tonne

2. Gross mass limit

The gross mass limit for a vehicle is the lesser of –

- (a) the sum of the mass limits that apply to each axle and axle group on the vehicle; and
- (b) the mass limit determined from the vehicle's axle and axle group spacings in accordance with clause 1 of this Schedule; and
- (c) the vehicle's GVM; and
- (d) the vehicle's GCM; and
- (e) the vehicle's GTM; and
- (f) 5% above the gross mass limit that applies to the vehicle under Schedule 8 to the Vehicles Regulations, subject to –
 - (i) a maximum increase of 1 tonne for a vehicle whose gross mass limit under Schedule 8 would otherwise be 55 tonnes or less; and
 - (ii) a maximum increase of 2 tonnes for a vehicle whose gross mass limit under Schedule 8 would otherwise be greater than 55 tonnes.

Examples: This 5% (up to 1 or 2 tonne) increase in the gross mass limit would result in the following increases –

1. The gross mass limit of 62.5 tonnes for a B-double specified in clause 4 of Schedule 8 to the Vehicles Regulations would increase to 64.5 tonnes.
2. The gross mass limit of 79.0 tonnes for a road train specified in clause 16 of Schedule 8 to the Vehicles Regulations would increase to 81.0 tonnes.
3. The gross mass limit of 45.5 tonnes for a prime mover and semi-trailer combination towing a converter dolly, as specified in clause 25 of Schedule 8 to the Vehicles Regulations, would increase to 46.5 tonnes.

4. The gross mass limit of 42.5 tonnes for a prime mover and semi-trailer combination built to carry vehicles, as specified in regulation 161(a) (and required to be complied with by clause 38 of Schedule 8 to the Vehicles Regulations), would increase to 43.5 tonnes.
 5. The gross mass limit of 42.5 tonnes for a truck and dog trailer combination or a prime mover and semi-trailer combination built to carry livestock, as specified in regulation 161(a) (and required to be complied with by clause 44 of Schedule 8), would increase to 43.5 tonnes.
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