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ROAD SAFETY (VEHICLES) REGULATIONS 2009

Declaration of Glider Trailers as Class 3 Vehicles and Exemption from Rear Overhang Limit

1. Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to declare a trailer built to transport a glider to be a class 3 vehicle, and to exempt that category of vehicle from the maximum rear overhang permitted under the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2009 (in this notice referred to as the Vehicles Regulations).

2. Authorising provisions

This notice is made under regulations 193(2) and 194(1) of the Vehicles Regulations.

Regulation 193(2) provides that the Roads Corporation, by notice published in the Government Gazette, may declare a category of vehicles to be class 3 vehicles.

Regulation 194(1) provides that the Roads Corporation may, by a notice published in the Government Gazette, exempt a category of class 3 vehicles from any of the following requirements set out in Schedule 9 to those Regulations –

- (a) a mass or dimension limit, other than a limit that relates to a GVM (gross vehicle mass), GCM (gross combination mass) or 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 278 on 22 December 2004 entitled Class 3 Notice for Glider Trailers is revoked.

5. Expiry

This notice expires on 9 November 2014.

7. Declaration

I, James Holgate, delegate of the Roads Corporation, declare that a trailer built to transport a glider is a class 3 vehicle.

8. Exemption

I, James Holgate, delegate of the Roads Corporation, exempt from the maximum rear overhang permitted under regulation 169(3) of the Vehicles Regulations (and with which the vehicle would otherwise be required to comply under clause 39 of the Schedule 9) a trailer built to transport a glider, provided that –

- (a) the rear overhang of the trailer does not exceed 5.0 metres; and
- (b) the trailer exerts a positive downward force on the towing vehicle's trailer coupling; and
- (c) the width of the load-carrying area, or body, of the trailer does not exceed 2.0 metres; and

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- (d) the trailer is used only to transport a glider, together with glider accessories associated with gliding, and ballast to maintain a positive downward force on the towing vehicle's trailer coupling, or for empty travel; and
- (e) the registered operator of the motor vehicle towing the trailer ensures that the combination can be safely operated on its intended routes.

Notes:

1. Clause 39 of Schedule 9 to the Vehicles Regulations provides that the dimension limits for a class 3 vehicle are the relevant limits for that vehicle set out in Part 4.2 of Chapter 4 of the Vehicles Regulations, except to the extent that the Roads Corporation specifies otherwise in a declaration under regulation 193(2).
2. Regulation 169(3) is in Part 4.2 of Chapter 4 of the Vehicles Regulations. It provides that the maximum rear overhang for a trailer with only one axle group or single axle, other than a semi-trailer, is the lesser of –
 - (a) the length of the load carrying area, or body, ahead of the rear overhang line; and
 - (b) 3.7 metres.
3. 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

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Roads Corporation

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