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ROAD SAFETY (VEHICLES) REGULATIONS 2009 Class 3 Vehicles in a Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme Eligible for Concessional Mass Limits

1. Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to specify the class 3 vehicles that are eligible for Concessional Mass Limits.

2. Authorising provision

This notice is made under regulations 193(2) and 194 of the of the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2009 (in this notice referred to as the Vehicles Regulations).

Regulation 193(2) of the Vehicles Regulations 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 of the Vehicles Regulations 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 in Schedule 9 –

- (a) a mass or dimension limit, other than a limit that relates to a GVM (gross vehicle mass), 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 323 on 7 December 2007 entitled Class 3 Vehicles in a Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme Eligible for Concessional Mass Limits is revoked.

5. Expiry

This notice expires on 9 November 2014.

6. Declaration

For the purposes of regulations 193(2) and 194 of the Vehicles Regulations, I, James Holgate, delegate of the Roads Corporation, declare that a vehicle accredited under the Mass Management Module of the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme is a class 3 vehicle.

7. Exemption

For the purposes of regulations 193(2) and 194 of the Vehicles Regulations, I, James Holgate, delegate of the Roads Corporation, exempt a class 3 vehicle from the mass limits in Part 4.1 of Chapter 4 of the Vehicles Regulations (with which the vehicle would otherwise be required to comply under clause 38 of Schedule 9), provided that the vehicle –

- (a) is accredited under the Mass Management Module of the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme; and
- (a) is either a truck, a truck and a dog trailer combination or a prime mover and semi-trailer combination; and
- (b) does not exceed the Concessional Mass Limits specified in the Schedule to this notice.

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Notes:

1. Clause 38 of Schedule 9 to the Vehicles Regulations provides that the mass limits for a class 3 vehicle are the relevant mass limits set out in Part 4.1 of Chapter 4, except to the extent that the Roads Corporation specifies otherwise in a declaration under regulation 193(2) of the Vehicles Regulations.
2. 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 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; 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 (gross trailer mass); and
- (f) 5% above the mass limits that apply under clause 38 of Schedule 9 to the Vehicles Regulations, subject to a maximum increase of 1 tonne; and
- (g) in the case of a rigid vehicle that has –
 - (i) a single steer axle and either a tri-axle or quad axle group at the rear – 26.0 tonnes; or
 - (ii) a non-load sharing twin-steer axle group and either a tri-axle or quad-axle group at the rear – 30.0 tonnes; or
 - (iii) a load sharing twin-steer axle group and either a tri-axle or quad-axle group at the rear – 31.0 tonnes.

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