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## Road Safety Act 1986

### ROAD SAFETY (VEHICLES) REGULATIONS 2009

#### Exemption of Dragon Boat Trailers from Rear Overhang Limit

**1. Purpose**

The purpose of this notice is to exempt trailers constructed and used exclusively to transport dragon boats from the rear overhang limit in the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2009 (in this notice referred to as the 'Vehicles Regulations').

**2. Authorising provision**

This notice is made under regulation 178 of the Vehicles Regulations. Regulation 178 provides that the Roads Corporation, by a notice published in the Government Gazette, may exempt a category of class 1 vehicles from any of the following requirements set out in Schedule 7 to the Vehicle Regulations –

- (a) a mass or dimension limit, other than a limit that relates to a Gross Vehicle Mass ('GVM'), a Gross Combination Mass ('GCM') or a manufacturer's limit; or
- (b) any other requirement.

Under regulation 177 of the Vehicles Regulations, a vehicle carrying a large indivisible item (other than a freight container) is a class 1 vehicle. A dragon boat is a large indivisible item.

**3. Commencement**

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

**4. Expiry**

This notice expires on 24 February 2016.

**5. Exemption**

I, David Shelton, delegate of the Roads Corporation, exempt a trailer constructed and used exclusively to transport dragon boats from the rear overhang limit in regulation 169(3) of the Vehicles Regulations (as would be required by clause 5(1A) of Schedule 7 to the Vehicles Regulations), provided that –

- (a) the rear overhang (the distance between the centre of the trailer's axle or axle group and the rearmost part of the load) does not exceed 5.0 metres; and
- (b) any part of the dragon boats that extends beyond the rear of the trailer does not exceed 1.6 metres in width; and
- (c) the trailer is only used to transport dragon boats; and
- (d) any bow and stern components of the dragon boats are disassembled during transport; and
- (e) the rear overhang of the trailer itself does not exceed 3.7 metres; and
- (f) the width of the trailer itself does not exceed 1.6 metres; and
- (g) the length of the laden trailer does not exceed 14.7 metres; and
- (h) the overall length of the combination does not exceed 19.0 metres; and
- (i) the length from the coupling pivot point on the drawbar and the centre of the trailer's axle or axle group does not exceed 8.5 metres; and
- (j) the trailer exerts a positive downward force on the towing vehicle's trailer coupling; and

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- (k) the registered operator of the motor vehicle ensures that the combination can be safely operated on its intended routes; and
- (l) the trailer is not used to transport a dragon boat on any of the following roads or in any of the following areas:
- Gellibrand River Road between Carlisle River and Lower Gellibrand;
  - Gellibrand–Carlisle Road between Carlisle River and Gellibrand;
  - Great Ocean Road between Anglesea and Portland Campbell;
  - Northern Grampians Road at the Grampians National Park;
  - Silverbrand Road at the Grampians National Park;
  - Wartook Road at the Grampians National Park; or
  - Hamilton Highway (known as Deviation Road) between Hyland Street and Minerva Road at Fyansford;
  - a ‘Mountainous Area’ as defined below;
  - the ‘Otway Area’ as defined below.

**6. Definition of ‘Mountainous Area’**

In this notice, ‘Mountainous Area’ means the area contained within the following boundary. It does not include:

- the boundary itself, except between (a) and (b); or
- the exempt roads in the box below:

**Exempt roads in mountainous area**

Benambra Road between Omeo and Benambra;  
 Gelantipy Road between Buchan and Gelantipy;  
 Great Alpine Road between Bruthen and Omeo;  
 Great Alpine Road between Myrtleford and Harrietville;  
 Kiewa Valley Highway;  
 Maroondah Highway from Coldstream to Healesville and St Fillans to Buxton;  
 Melba Highway between Glenburn and Coldstream;  
 Moe–Rawson Road from Moe–Willowgrove Road to Parkers Corner;  
 Monaro Highway;  
 Omeo Highway between Omeo and Benambra Road;  
 School Road, Erica;  
 Thomson Dam Access Road;  
 Tyers–Thomson Valley Road from Tyers to Thomson Dam Access Road.

From the intersection of Main Whittlesea Road and Arthurs Creek Road in an easterly direction along Arthurs Creek Road to Yan Yean Road;

then in a southerly direction along Yan Yean Road to Heidelberg–King Lake Road (Diamond Creek Road);

then in a southerly direction along Heidelberg–King Lake Road (Diamond Creek Road) to Para Road;

then in a southerly direction along Para Road to Eltham–Yarra Glen Road (Main Road);  
then in a easterly direction along Eltham–Yarra Glen Road (Main Road) to Fitzsimons Lane;  
then in a southerly direction along Fitzsimons Lane to Heidelberg–Warrandyte Road (Porter Street);  
then in an easterly direction along Heidelberg–Warrandyte Road to Kangaroo –Warrandyte Road;  
then in an easterly direction along the Yarra River to Yarra Glen;  
then in a southerly direction along Melba Highway to Maroondah Highway  
then in a southerly direction along Maroondah Highway to Lilydale Monbulk Road (Anderson Street);  
then in a southerly direction along Lilydale Monbulk to Lilydale–Montrose Road (Swansea Road);  
then in a southerly direction along Lilydale–Montrose Road to Canterbury Road;  
then in a south-westerly direction along Canterbury Road to Liverpool Road;  
then in a southerly direction along Liverpool Road to the Mountain Highway;  
then in a south easterly direction along Mountain Highway to the City of Knox boundary;  
then in a westerly then southerly direction along the City of Knox boundary to Wellington Road;  
then in an easterly direction along Wellington Road to Berwick Road;  
then in a southerly direction along Berwick Road to Harkaway Road;  
then in a southerly direction along Harkaway Road to Gardiner Street;  
then in an easterly direction along Gardiner Street and Inglis Road to Beaconsfield–Emerald Road;  
then in a southerly direction along Beaconsfield–Emerald Road to Princes Highway;  
then in an easterly direction along the Princes Highway and Princes Freeway to Drouin–Warragul Road;  
then in a north westerly direction along Drouin–Warragul Road to Old Sale Road;  
(a) then in an easterly direction along Old Sale Road to Willowgrove Road;  
then in a southerly direction along Willowgrove Road to Old Sale Road;  
then in a south easterly direction along Old Sale Road and O’Briens Road to Moe–Rawson Road;  
then in an easterly direction along Moe–Rawson Road to Moe North Road (Old Sale Road);  
(b) then in an easterly direction along Moe North Road (Old Sale Road and Thompsons Road) to Moe–Glengarry Road;  
then in an easterly direction along Moe–Glengarry Road and Glengarry–Tyres Road to Traralgon–Maffra Road;  
then in a north-easterly direction along Traralgon–Maffra Road to the Cowwarr–Seaton Road;  
then in a northerly direction along Cowwarr–Seaton Road to Seymours Lane;  
then in a northerly direction along Seymours Lane to Seaton–Glenmaggie Road;  
then in a northerly direction along Seaton–Glenmaggie Road to Licola Road;  
then in a straight line in a north-easterly direction to Valencia Creek;  
then in a straight line in an easterly direction to Bruthen;

then in an easterly direction along the Bruthen–Nowa Nowa Road to Princes Highway;

then in an easterly direction along Princes Highway to the Victoria–New South Wales border;

then in a north-westerly direction along the Victoria–New South Wales border to the Murray Valley Highway;

from the intersection of the New South Wales border and Murray Valley Highway in a straight line in a south-westerly direction to Running Creek;

then in a westerly direction along Running Creek Road and Happy Valley Road to Ovens;

then in a straight line in a westerly direction to Moyhu;

then in a southerly direction along Wangaratta–Whitfield Road and Mansfield–Whitfield Road to Toombullup;

then from Toombullup in a straight line in a southerly direction to Merrijig;

then in a westerly direction along Mount Buller Road to Mansfield;

then in a straight line in a south-westerly direction to Goulburn Valley Highway, Eildon;

then in a westerly direction along Goulburn Valley Highway to Taggerty–Thornton Road;

then in a south-westerly direction along Taggerty–Thornton Road and Maroondah Highway to Buxton;

then in a straight line in a westerly direction to the intersection of the Melba Highway and Break O’Day Road, Glenburn;

then in a north-westerly direction along Break O’Day Road to Whittlesea–Yea Road;

then in a southerly direction along Whittlesea–Yea Road to Whittlesea;

then in a southerly direction along Main Whittlesea Road to Arthurs Creek Road.

**7. Definition of ‘Otway Area’**

In this notice, ‘Otway Area’ means the area contained within the following boundary not including the boundary itself.

From the intersection of Great Ocean Road and Forest Road at Anglesea, in a northerly direction along Forest Road;

then in a westerly direction along Gum Flats Road to Hammond Road;

then in a southerly direction along Hammond Road to Bambra–Aireys Inlet Road;

then in a westerly direction along Bambra–Aireys Inlet Road to Winchelsea–Deans Marsh Road;

then in a southerly direction along Winchelsea–Deans Marsh Road and Deans Marsh–Lorne Road to Pennyroyal Station Road;

then in a north-westerly direction along Pennyroyal Station Road to Kinsellas Road;

then in a southerly direction along Kinsellas Road and Murroon Road to Division Road;

then in a westerly direction along Division Road to McPaddens Road;

then in a southerly direction along McPaddens Road to Creamery Road;

then in a westerly direction along Creamery Road to Birregurra–Forrest Road;

then in a southerly direction along Birregurra–Forrest Road to Seven Bridges Road;

then in a westerly direction along Seven Bridges Road to Colac–Forrest Road;

then in a southerly direction along Colac–Forrest Road to Boundary Road;

then in a westerly direction along Boundary Road to Pipeline Road;  
then in a northerly direction along Pipeline Road to Park Lodge Road;  
then in a northerly direction along Park Lodge Road to McDonald s Road;  
then in a westerly direction along McDonald s Road to Colac–Lavers Hill Road;  
then in a southerly direction along Colac–Lavers Hill Road to Gellibrand–Carlisle Road;  
then in a westerly direction along Gellibrand–Carlisle Road to Gellibrand River Road;  
then in a south-westerly direction along Gellibrand River Road to Great Ocean Road;  
then in a north-westerly direction along the Great Ocean Road, extending to the coastline south of Princetown at Point Ronald;  
then in an easterly direction along the Victorian coastline to the Anglesea River;  
then northerly direction along Great Ocean Road to Forest Road.

**Notes:**

1. A dragon boat is a human powered paddle craft traditionally made of teak wood, commonly rigged with a decorative Chinese dragon head and tail. The decorative regalia, particularly the head and tail, are removed for transport purposes. Dragon Boats are commonly designed to carry 22 people.
2. Regulation 169(3), in Chapter 4 of the Vehicles Regulations, provides that the maximum rear overhang for the 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. Clause 5(1A) of Schedule 7 to the Vehicles Regulations requires class 1 vehicles to comply with the dimension limits in Chapter 4 of the Vehicles Regulations where Schedule 7 does not specify a dimension limit.
4. Words and phrases in this notice have the same meanings as in the **Road Safety Act 1986** and the Regulations under that Act.

Dated 22 March 2011

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