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ROAD SAFETY (VEHICLES) REGULATIONS 2009

Exemption of Vehicles Carrying Baled Hay

1. Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to exempt vehicles loaded with baled hay that are class 3 vehicles from certain dimension limits and from displaying certain warning devices for the purposes of the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2009 (in this notice referred to as the **Vehicles Regulations**).

2. Authorising provisions

This notice is made under regulation 194 of the Vehicles Regulations.

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 set out in Schedule 9 –

- (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.

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 401 on 9 November 2009 entitled 'Exemption of Vehicles Carrying Baled Hay' is revoked.

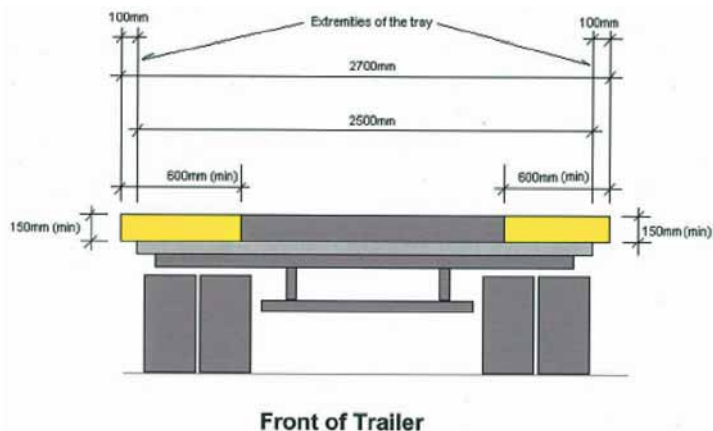
5. Expiry

This notice expires on 1 September 2016.

6. Definitions

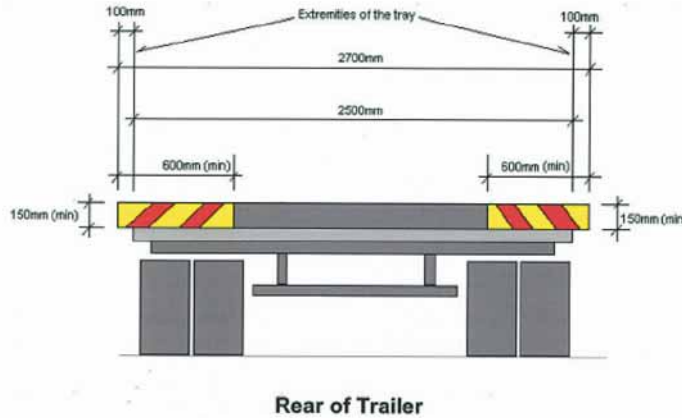
In this notice –

- (a) 'hay' includes 'straw'; and
- (b) 'front marking plates' are yellow, rigid pieces of material measuring at least 150 millimetres high and 600 millimetres long, as illustrated in the following diagram –



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- (c) ‘rear marking plates’ are rigid pieces of material measuring at least 150 millimetres high and 600 millimetres long, with diagonal stripes that are alternately coloured red and yellow, as illustrated in the following diagram –



Note: All other words and phrases in this notice have the same meanings as in the **Road Safety Act 1986** and the Regulations under that Act.

7. Exemption

I, Aidan McGann, delegate of the Roads Corporation, exempt the class 3 vehicles specified in column 1 of the following Table from the requirements specified in column 2, subject to the conditions in column 3.

<i>Column 1</i> Class 3 vehicles	<i>Column 2</i> Exemption from the following requirements	<i>Column 3</i> Conditions of exemption
A class 3 vehicle carrying baled hay that is a rigid vehicle with – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a single steering axle; and • a rear tandem axle group with 8 tyres. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 4.3 metre height limit and the 2.5 metre width limit (as required by clause 25 of Schedule 9 to the Vehicles Regulations). • The 4.3 metre height limit specified in clause 27 of Schedule 9 to the Vehicles Regulations for a load of baled hay on a vehicle. 	The laden vehicle must not exceed – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.7 metres in width; and • 4.6 metres in height.
A class 3 vehicle carrying baled hay that is a 6-axle articulated vehicle comprising – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a prime mover with a single steering axle and a tandem axle group with 8 tyres; and • a semi-trailer with a tri-axle group with 12 tyres. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 4.3 metre height limit and the 2.5 metre width limit (as required by clause 25 of Schedule 9 to the Vehicles Regulations). • The 2.5 metre width limit specified in clause 27(2) of Schedule 9 to the Vehicles Regulations for a load of baled hay on a vehicle. 	The laden vehicle must not exceed – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.7 metres in width; and • 4.6 metres in height.

<i>Column 1</i> Class 3 vehicles	<i>Column 2</i> Exemption from the following requirements	<i>Column 3</i> Conditions of exemption
A class 3 vehicle carrying baled hay other than a B-double.	Warning flags (as required by clause 29(1)(c) of Schedule 9 to the Vehicles Regulations)	At night, the vehicle must display two front marking plates and two rear marking plates which must project beyond the tray to the outer extremities of the projecting hay.
A class 3 vehicle carrying baled hay other than a B-double	The warning light requirements of clause 30(1) of Schedule 9 to the Vehicles Regulations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The laden width of the vehicle must not exceed 2.7 metres. 2. The rear clearance lights and side marker lights must not be obscured by any part of the load.
<p>A class 3 vehicle carrying baled hay that is a B-double comprising –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a prime mover with a single steering axle and a tandem axle group with 8 tyres; and • two semi-trailers, each with a tri-axle group with 12 tyres. 	The 4.3 metre height limit and the 2.5 metre width limit (as required by clause 26 of Schedule 9 to the Vehicles Regulations).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The laden vehicle must not exceed – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.7 metres in width; and • 4.6 metres in height. 2. At night, the vehicle must display one OVERSIZE sign at the front of the vehicle and one OVERSIZE sign at the rear of the vehicle, both of which satisfy the relevant requirements in Schedule 7 to the Vehicles Regulations (in which a reference to a class 1 vehicle must be read as a reference to a class 3 vehicle carrying baled hay). 3. At night, the vehicle must also display either – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two front marking plates and two rear marking plates which project beyond the tray to the outer extremities of the projecting hay; or • four brightly coloured red or yellow, or red and yellow, flags, each at least 450 millimetres long and 450 millimetres wide, positioned at each side of the front and rear of the projecting load.

<i>Column 1</i> Class 3 vehicles	<i>Column 2</i> Exemption from the following requirements	<i>Column 3</i> Conditions of exemption
		4. The load must not obscure any rear clearance lights or side marker lights required under Schedule 2 to the Vehicles Regulations.

Dated 22 September 2011

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