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ROAD SAFETY (VEHICLES) REGULATIONS 2009

Notice as to Conditions of Travel and Route Restrictions for
Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicles that are Road Graders

1. Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to exempt certain class 1 special purpose vehicles that are road graders from relevant mass and dimension limits and operating requirements, and to specify the conditions and routes on which they may operate.

2. Authorising provisions

This notice is made under regulation 178 of and clause 7 of Schedule 7 to the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2009 (in this notice referred to as 'the Vehicles Regulations').

Regulation 178(1) of the Vehicles Regulations provides that the Roads Corporation may, by notice published in the Government Gazette, exempt a category of class 1 vehicles from –

- (a) a mass or dimension limit, other than a limit that relates to a GVM, a GCM, an ATM, or a manufacturer's limit; or
- (b) any other requirement –

set out in Schedule 7 to the Vehicles Regulations.

Regulation 178(2) of the Vehicles Regulations provides that a Class 1 notice may contain any conditions the Roads Corporation thinks fit.

Clause 7 of Schedule 7 to the Vehicles Regulations provides that a class 1 vehicle may only be used on a highway –

- (a) that is in an area or on a route; and
- (b) at the times –

specified by the Roads Corporation by notice published in the Government Gazette or specified in a class 1 permit.

3. Commencement

This notice commences on the date it is published in the Government Gazette.

4. Expiry

This notice expires on 31 January 2018.

5. Definitions

In this notice –

Declaration of Routes Notice means the notice titled 'Declaration of Areas and Routes on which, and Times at which Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicles May be Used', published in Victoria Government Gazette S403 on 9 November 2009;

Dimension Limit Table means Table 3 of clause 5 of Schedule 7 to the Vehicles Regulations;

Mass Limit Table means Table 5 of clause 33 of Schedule 7 to the Vehicles Regulations;

Mountainous Area has the same meaning as in the Declaration of Routes Notice;

Otway Area has the same meaning as in the Declaration of Routes Notice;

rear marking plate means a plate made of retro-reflective material that –

- (a) displays red transparent diagonal stripes on a yellow background; and
- (b) measures at least 150 millimetres high and 600 millimetres long; and

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- (c) is either a class 1 strip type or class 2 alternative type rear marking plate complying with and installed in accordance with Vehicles Standards Bulletin No.12, titled 'Rear Marking Plates';

Restricted Route has the same meaning as in the Declaration of Routes Notice;

road grader combination means a group of vehicles consisting of a class 1 vehicle that is a road grader connected to one other vehicle.

6. **Declarations**

Subject to compliance with the Operating Conditions set out in this notice, I, Don Leone, as delegate of the Roads Corporation, declare that a road grader or a road grader combination up to 3.5 metres in width when operating in travelling mode, or up to 5.7 metres in width when operating on a road and engaged in road maintenance or construction, may travel throughout Victoria except –

- (a) in the Mountainous Area, Otway Area, or on a Restricted Route, where a road grader or a road grader combination may only travel if it does not exceed 2.8 metres in width; or
- (b) on a freeway within the meaning of the **Road Management Act 2004**.

7. **Exemptions**

Subject to compliance with the Operating Conditions set out in this notice, I, Don Leone, as delegate of the Roads Corporation –

- (a) exempt a class 1 vehicle that is a road grader from the prohibition on towing other vehicles in clause 37 of Schedule 7 to the Vehicles Regulations;
- (b) exempt a class 1 vehicle that is a road grader (with or without attachments) from the requirements described in column 2 of Table 1 to this notice, provided the vehicle complies with the conditions set out in column 3 of Table 1 to this notice;
- (c) exempt a road grader or a road grader combination from –
- (i) the requirement in clause 9(1)(a) of Schedule 7 to the Vehicles Regulations to display a warning sign at the front of the vehicle; and
 - (ii) the requirement in clause 9(1)(b) of Schedule 7 to the Vehicles Regulations to display a warning sign at the rear of the vehicle, any rear attachment or towed vehicle; and
 - (iii) the requirement in clause 9(1)(c) of Schedule 7 to the Vehicles Regulations to display flags on the vehicle,
- provided that a road grader or a road grader combination relying on one or more of these exemptions displays rear marking plates at the rear of the vehicle or combination;
- (d) exempt a road grader or a road grader combination from the requirement in clause 35 of Schedule 7 to the Vehicles Regulations to have a yellow light fixed on each side of any forward projection extending more than 1.2 metres in front of the vehicle's body when travelling at night; and
- (e) exempt a road grader or road grader combination from the mass limits on axle groups relating to tyre width described in:
- (i) items 7, 8 and 9 of Table 1 of Schedule 7 to the Vehicles Regulations; and
 - (ii) items 1, 2 and 3 of Table 2 of Schedule 7 to the Vehicles Regulations,
- provided that the vehicle or combination complies with the mass limits set out in Table 2 below instead (where the mass limit for a road grader axle described in Column 1 of Table 2 is the limit described in Column 2 of Table 2 for a single axle with two tyres, or the limit described in Column 3 of Table 2 for a tandem axle group with 4 tyres).

Table 1. Exemptions for Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicles that are Road Graders

<i>Column 1</i> Item	<i>Column 2</i> Exemption	<i>Column 3</i> Conditions of Exemption
1	Width limit, as stated in Item 1 of the Dimension Limit Table, in respect of a vehicle that is operating on a road and actively engaged in road maintenance or construction, not simply travelling.	The vehicle's width, when operating alone or in combination, must not exceed 5.7 metres.
2	Distance from the rear overhang line to rear of the vehicle or rear of vehicle's rear attachment(s), as stated in Item 6 of the Dimension Limit Table.	The vehicle's rear overhang, including rear attachment(s), must not exceed 6.5 metres.
3	Projection in front of the centre of the steering wheel, as stated in Item 8 of the Dimension Limit Table.	The vehicle's forward projection, including any front attachment(s), must not exceed 7.5 metres.
4	Mass limit on a single front axle fitted with single tyres, as stated in Item 1 of the Mass Limit Table.	The mass limit for a single front axle or single front axle group is 8.0 tonnes.
5	Mass limit for a single rear axle fitted with single tyres, as stated in Item 1 of the Mass Limit Table.	The mass limit for a single rear axle is 10.0 tonnes.
6	Mass limit for tandem axle group fitted with single tyres, as stated in Item 3 of the Mass Limit Table.	The mass limit for a tandem axle group is 17.5 tonnes.

Table 2. Mass Limits on Axle Groups Relating to Tyre Width for Road Graders

<i>Column 1</i> Width of narrowest tyre on axle (mm)		<i>Column 2</i> Mass limit for single axle with 2 tyres (tonnes)	<i>Column 3</i> Mass limit for a tandem axle group with 4 tyres (tonnes)
at least	but less than		
356	381	8.0	16.0
381	406	9.0	16.5
406	431	10.0	17.0
431	458	10.0	17.5

8. Operating conditions

- (1) The total mass limit for any vehicle towed by a road grader relying on the exemptions contained in this notice must not exceed the GVM of the road grader.
- (2) A road grader relying on the exemptions contained in this notice must not travel more than 75 kilometres by road per day when towing another vehicle.
- (3) A road grader or road grader combination relying on the exemptions contained in this notice which exceeds any of the following mass limits must not cross any of the bridges listed in Table 3 to this notice unless operating with a specific permit from the Roads Corporation:
 - (a) axle with 2 tyres – 6.0 tonnes;
 - (b) tandem axle with 4 tyres – 11.0 tonnes;
 - (c) gross vehicle combination mass – 34.0 tonnes.

Table 3. Restricted Bridges

<i>Column 1</i> Road	<i>Column 2</i> Location	<i>Column 3</i> Map ref.	<i>Column 4</i> Location of bridge or structure
Benambra–Corryong Road	North of Gibbo River Junction	VCSD 51 D5	Exhibition Creek
Bright–Tawonga Road	Bright	VCSD 50 B5	Ovens River
Burwood Road	Hawthorn	Mel 45 A10	Hawthorn–Lilydale Rail
Clunes–Creswick Road	Clunes	VCSD 58 E6	Creswick Creek
Don Road	Don Valley	VCSD 80 B5	Myrtle Creek
Gisborne–Melbourne Road	Gisborne	Mel 678 D3	Un-named Tributary off Jacksons Creek
Glenferrie Road	Malvern	Mel 59 B10	Gippsland Rail
Grange Road	Burnley	VCSD 2H G12	Monash Freeway
Great Ocean Road	Skenes Creek	VCSD 101 D5	Petticoat Creek
Great Ocean Road	Wongarra	VCSD 101 D5	Browns Creek
High Street	Glen Iris	Mel 59 K9	Gardiners Creek
McKillops Road	Deddick	VCSD 67 H3	Snowy River
McKillops Road	Wulgulmerang	VCSD 67 F2	Little River
Nepean Highway	Dromana	Mel 151 C10	Brokil Creek
Omeo Highway	Anglers Rest	VCSD 50 J9	Cobungra River
Omeo Highway	Bingo Munjie North	VCSD 66 B2	Bingo Munjie Creek
Orrong–Malvern Road Corner	Toorak	Mel 2M G11	Gippsland Rail
Queens Park Road	Geelong	Mel 451 D4	Barwon River
Snowy River Road	Suggan Buggan	VCSD 52 G9	Suggan Buggan River
St Kilda Street	Elwood	Mel 67 D4	Elwood Canal
Swan Street (Wallen Road)	Burnley	Mel 22 A2	Yarra River
Tarra Valley Road	Tarra Valley	VCSD 98 B9	Tarra River (14.91 km post)
Tarra Valley Road	Tarra Valley	VCSD 98 B9	Tarra River (15.77 km post)
Tarra Valley Road	Tarra Valley	VCSD 98 A9	Tarra River (19.2 km post)
Tarra Valley Road	Tarra Valley	VCSD 98 A9	Tarra River (19.7 km post)
Victoria Street	Abbotsford	Mel 2H H2	Yarra River
Walhalla Road	Walhalla	VCSD 81 J9	Stringers Creek
Wattletree Road	Eltham	Mel 22 A2	Diamond Creek

Map References:

- VCSD – RACV VicRoads Country Street Directory of Victoria (8th Edition),
- Mel – Melway Greater Melbourne Street Directory 2012 (39th Edition)

Notes:

1. Words and phrases in this notice have the same meanings as in the **Road Safety Act 1986** and the Regulations under that Act.
2. Nothing in this notice permits a vehicle to be driven on a bridge or road in contravention of a posted mass or dimension limit.

Dated 1 February 2013

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