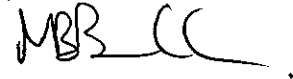


ROAD TRANSPORT (GENERAL) ACT 2005

*Class 3 Livestock Welfare Concessional Mass Limits Notice 2011*

I, Michael Bushby, Chief Executive of the Roads and Traffic Authority pursuant to Clause 25 of the *Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005*, do, by this Notice, exempt from the mass limits set out in Table 1 of Schedule 1 to the *Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005*, the combinations described in Part 2 of the Schedule to this Notice, subject to any conditions set out in the Schedule to this Notice.

Dated this <sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> day of *March* 2011.



MICHAEL BUSHBY  
Chief Executive, Roads and Traffic Authority

**SCHEDULE**

**PART 1 — PRELIMINARY**

**1.1 Citation**

This Notice may be cited as the *Class 3 Livestock Welfare Concessional Mass Limits Notice 2010*.

**1.2 Commencement**

This Notice takes effect on and from the day that it is published in the New South Wales Government Gazette.

**1.3 Effect**

This Notice remains in force up to and including 30 September 2015 unless it is repealed earlier.

**1.4 Interpretation**

Unless stated otherwise, the words and expressions used in this Notice have the same meaning as those defined in *Road Transport (General) Act 2005*.

**PART 2 — APPLICATION**

**2.1 Application**

This Notice applies to an Eligible Combination, specified in 2.2, which is;

- (a) carrying live cattle, sheep or pigs;
- (b) compliant with Part 4 of this Notice;
- (c) is operated by an operator accredited under the Livestock Welfare Mass Management Accreditation Scheme (“LWMMAS”); and is
- (d) a nominated vehicle under the operator’s LWMMAS accreditation.

**2.2 Eligible Combinations**

(a) Single articulated vehicles which:

- (i) consist of a prime mover fitted with a tandem drive axle group and a semi-trailer fitted with a tri-axle group: and
- (ii) have either single tyres with section width of at least 375 mm, dual tyres, or a combination of those tyres, on all axle groups; and

- (iii) have a maximum length available for the carriage of animals not exceeding 12.5m;
- (b) B-doubles which:
  - (i) consist of a prime mover fitted with a tandem drive axle group and two semi-trailers each fitted with a tri-axle group; and
  - (ii) have either single tyres with section width of at least 375 mm, dual tyres, or a combination of those tyres, on all axle groups ; and
  - (iii) have a combined maximum length available for the carriage of animals not exceeding 18.8m; and
- (c) B-triples which:
  - (i) consist of a prime mover fitted with a tandem drive axle group and three semi-trailers each fitted with a tri-axle group; and
  - (ii) have either single tyres with section width of at least 375 mm, dual tyres or a combination of those tyres, on all axle groups; and
  - (iii) have a combined maximum length available for the carriage of animals not exceeding 25.1m.
- (d) Road trains which:
  - (i) consist of a prime mover fitted with a tandem drive axle group, two semi-trailers each fitted with a tri-axle group and a converter dolly fitted with a tandem axle or tri-axle group;
  - (ii) have either single tyres with section width of at least 375 mm, dual tyres or a combination of those tyres, on all axle groups; and
  - (iii) have an overall length not exceeding 36.5 metres; and
  - (iv) have a combined maximum length available for the carriage of animals not exceeding 25.0m.

### **PART 3 — OPERATING AND TRAVEL CONDITIONS**

#### **3.1 Vehicle labels**

A label that indicates that the vehicle or combination is operating under the Livestock Welfare Mass Management Accreditation Scheme must be prominently displayed on the hauling unit in a clearly visible location.

#### **3.2 Operating conditions**

A copy of this Notice, must be carried in the driving compartment of a combination operating under this Notice, and must be produced in response to a request by a Police Officer or an authorised officer.

#### **3.3 Travel conditions**

A combination operating under this Notice may operate on all roads approved for that combination, except where prohibited by a load limit specified for a road, bridge or causeway by a sign or notice.

### **PART 4 – SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

#### **4.1 Total mass limits – combinations**

The total mass of a combination to which this Notice applies must not exceed the lowest of the following:

- (a) the sum of the axle and axle group mass limits in Clause 4.2, or
- (b) the GCM limit specified by the prime mover manufacturer, or

- (c) the sum of the gross mass limits (GVMs) for the prime mover and the trailer or trailers it is towing, or
- (d) 5% above the gross mass limit that applies to the vehicle under Table 1 of Clause 2 of Schedule 1 of the *Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005*, subject to:
  - (i) a maximum of 1 tonne for a vehicle or vehicle combination with an allowable gross mass not exceeding 55 tonnes.
  - (ii) a maximum of 2 tonne for a vehicle or vehicle combination with an allowable gross mass exceeding 55 tonnes.

**4.2 Axle and axle group mass limits**

A combination to which this Notice applies must not exceed the axle group mass limits set out in Table 1 of this Notice, except as provided for by Clause 4.3.

**4.3 Floating 0.5 tonne tri-axle mass limit concession**

The mass on a tri-axle group of a semi-trailer in a combination specified in Part 2 of this Notice may exceed the limit set out in Table 1 by up to 0.5 tonne, as long as the total mass of the combination does not exceed the total mass limit specified in clause 4.1.

**Table 1**

<b>AXLE GROUP</b>	<b>MASS LIMIT</b>
<b>STEER AXLE GROUPS</b>	
Single steer axle	6.0 tonnes
<b>Twinsteer axle groups</b>	
Twinsteer axle group without a load-sharing suspension system	10.0 tonnes
Twinsteer axle group with a load-sharing suspension system	11.0 tonnes
<b>NON-STEER AXLE GROUPS</b>	
<b>Tandem axle group or tri-axle group of a converter dolly</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fitted with single tyres with a section width of at least 375 mm or dual tyres</li> </ul>	17.0 tonnes
<b>Tri-axle group of a semi-trailer</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fitted with single tyres with a section width of at least 375 mm or dual tyres</li> </ul>	21.0 tonnes

**Explanatory notes:**

This Notice permits specified types of combinations that are being operated by an operator accredited under the Livestock Welfare Mass Management Accreditation Scheme to operate at mass limits equivalent to Concessional Mass Limits when carrying live cattle, sheep or pigs.

In addition, this Notice permits semi-trailers of those combinations to exceed the tri-axle group mass limit of 21 tonnes by up to 0.5 tonne, as long as the combination does not exceed

the applicable total combination mass limit. This “floating” tri-axle group mass concession is intended to address concerns that the movement of livestock during transport may otherwise result in minor breaches of tri-axle group mass limits.

The “floating” 0.5 tonne tri-axle group mass allowance applies only to tri-axle groups of semi-trailers. It does not apply to tri-axle groups of converter dollies, which may not exceed the mass limit of 17 tonnes.

A combination operating under this Notice must comply with any applicable Notice or Permit concerning the routes on which the combination may travel.

The *Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005* (clause 73) requires that a driver of a combination operating under this Notice must keep a copy of the Notice in the driving compartment of the combination (Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units).

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