

Roads and Maritime Services

Class 3 Rectangular Baled Cotton Exemption Notice 2011

I, Peter Duncan, Chief Executive of the Roads and Maritime Services, pursuant to Clause 25 of the Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005 (the "Regulation"), exempt vehicles to which this Notice applies from the requirements of Clause 8 (1) of Schedule 1 to the Regulation, as provided in the Schedule to this Notice.

Peter Duncan
Chief Executive
Roads and Maritime Services

Schedule

PART 1 – PRELIMINARY

1.1 Citation

This Notice may be cited as the *Class 3 Rectangular Baled Cotton Exemption Notice 2011*.

1.2 Commencement

This Notice takes effect on and from the date of publication in the NSW Government Gazette.

1.3 Effect

This Notice remains in force up to and including 30 October 2012 unless it is repealed earlier.

1.4 Interpretation

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

1.4.2 Except as stated, a vehicle to which this Notice applies must comply with the Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005 and the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007.

1.4.3 Notes in this Notice do not form part of the Notice.

PART 2 – APPLICATION OF NOTICE

2.1 Application

2.1.1 This Notice applies to a vehicle or combination which is:

- (i) a rigid vehicle;
- (ii) a prime mover and semi-trailer combination;
- (iii) a B-Double combination; and
- (iv) a Class 2 Road Train.

and which

- (a) has a gross vehicle mass or a gross combination mass exceeding 4.5 tonnes; and
- (b) has a constructed maximum width not exceeding 2.5 metres; and
- (c) is being used to transport rectangular cotton bales produced at a cotton gin.

2.1.2 This Notice does not apply to a:

- (a) Truck and dog trailer combination;
- (b) Truck and pig trailer combination; and
- (c) A B-Triple or AB Triple combination.

Note: The vehicles described in Clause 2.1.2(c) may only be operated in accordance with a specific permit issued by the RTA Special Permits Unit.

PART 3 – DIMENSION LIMITS

3.1 Dimension Limits

3.1.1 Subject to Clause 3.2 a vehicle operating under this Notice, together with its load, must not exceed:

- (a) 4.6 metres in height; and / or
- (b) 2.7 metres in width.

3.2.1 A load on a vehicle must not project more than 100 mm from the outermost part of either side of the vehicle.

3.2 Road Trains

3.2.1 Despite Clause 3.1 a road train operating under this Notice, together with its load must not exceed 2.6 metres in width.

Note: This Notice permits prescribed heavy vehicles to carry a load of rectangular bales of cotton, that have been produced at a cotton gin, which exceeds statutory dimension limits. This Notice does not apply if the vehicle without a load exceeds 2.5m in width.

PART 4 - OPERATING AND TRAVEL CONDITIONS

4.1 Operating Conditions:

A copy of this Notice (excluding the **APPENDICES**), must be carried in the driving compartment whenever the vehicle is operating under this Notice and must be produced when the driver is requested to do so by a police officer or an authorised officer.

4.2 Travel Conditions:

4.2.1 **Loads exceeding 2.6 metres in width.**

- (a) A vehicle with a load which exceeds 2.6 metres in width may only be operated on the roads and areas prescribed in Appendix 1 to this Notice, and the driver must observe any applicable travel condition set out in Appendix 1.

- (b) In addition, a vehicle with a load which exceeds 2.6 metres wide must observe the conditions that apply to critical locations, set out in Part 2, Appendix 1 to this Notice.

4.2.2 Loads 4.6 metres in height.

- (a) A vehicle with a load which exceeds 4.3 metres in height, but does not exceed 4.6 metres in height is only permitted to be operated on a route approved as set out in the 4.6 Metre High Vehicle Route Notice 2008, and the vehicle driver must observe the conditions of travel as set out in that notice.
- (b) A vehicle with a load which exceeds 2.6 metres in width, but does not exceed 2.7 metres in width, and exceeds 4.3 metres in height, but does not exceed 4.6 metres in height, must comply with 4.2.1 and 4.2.2(a).

4.3 Road Trains

Road Trains operating under this Notice are only permitted to operate on a route approved as set out in the Class 2 Road Train Notice 2010.

Note: A B-Double that exceeds 19 metres in length and is operating under this Notice, must also comply with the Class 2 B-Double Notice 2010.

PART 5 – WARNING DEVICES AND TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

5.1 Warning Devices and Travel Restrictions

5.1.1 A vehicle with a load which exceeds 2.6 metres wide must comply with the requirements of Appendix 2 of this Notice.

5.1.2 A vehicle with a load which exceeds 2.6 metres wide is exempt from Clause 65 of Schedule 2 to the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007.

Note: Warning Signs

Vehicles exceeding 22m in length to must display warning signs in accordance with Clause 65 of Schedule 2 to the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007.

Load Requirements

In accordance with Clause 61 of the Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005;

- (1) A load on a vehicle or trailer must not be placed in a way that makes the vehicle unstable or unsafe.
- (2) A load on a vehicle or trailer must be secured so that it is unlikely to fall or be dislodged from the vehicle.
- (3) an appropriate method must be used to restrain the load on a vehicle.

The recommended performance standards are set out in *Load Restraint Guide: Guidelines and performance standards for the safe carriage of loads on road vehicles, Second Edition*, as published by the National Transport Commission in April 2004.