

## Transportation of cotton modules on flat bed trailers

Cotton modules are considered to be an 'indivisible load'. Under the Road Transport (MLA) Regulation 2005 (NSW) an indivisible item means an item that cannot be divided without extreme effort, expense or risk of damage to it.

As the module is considered to be an indivisible load, where a vehicle carrying a cotton module exceeds the statutory width dimension of 2.5m, such vehicle and loads can operate under the General Class 1 (Load-Carrying Vehicle) Notice 2007. Please note that if a vehicle carrying a cotton module is greater than 2.5m wide, it will not be able to operate at night. Conditions apply to the movement of oversize vehicle such as cotton trailers. These conditions are detailed in the General Class 1 (Load-Carrying Vehicle) Notice 2007. You are required to carry a copy of this Notice and comply with all the conditions and restrictions applicable to your journey. You do not need any special approval from the RTA if you are operating under this Notice. A copy of this Notice can be downloaded free from the RTA website, or you can have one printed for you at any RTA motor registry office.

## Transportation of round cotton bales on flat bed trailers

Round cotton bales are considered to be a 'divisible load'. Under the Road Transport (MLA) Regulation 2005 (NSW) a divisible item means a load that is made up of more than one indivisible item, or a substance or commodity the amount of which can be reduced in size or mass without extreme effort, expense or risk of damage.

Vehicles carrying round cotton bales are not eligible to operate under the General Class 1 (Load-Carrying Vehicle) Notice 2007 as the load is divisible.

Therefore all transportation of round cotton bales on flat bed trailers, both for the vehicles plus their loads, must comply with a maximum 2.5m width.

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# Information for cotton transportation in NSW



Given the importance of farm to gin module transport in the cotton industry and the chain of infrastructure which is influenced by cotton module size, the RTA has worked with the Cotton Industry to produce this brochure to clarify the rules which apply to cotton transportation in NSW.



In NSW, the Road Transport (Mass, Loading & Access) Regulation 2005 (NSW) and Australian Design Rules limit the overall size, (height, width and length) and some internal dimensions of vehicles. These limits are applied in the interest of compatibility with road infrastructure and safe travel with other road users. Vehicles must not exceed the standard dimension limits shown in the table below:

STATUTORY DIMENSION LIMITS (METRES)			
Vehicle	Height	Width	Length
Agricultural vehicle (agricultural machine or agricultural implement)	4.3m	2.5m	12.5m
Agricultural combination	4.3m	2.5m	19.0m
Special-purpose vehicle	4.3m	2.5m	12.5m
Special-purpose vehicle combination	4.3m	2.5m	19.0m
Rigid motor vehicle	4.3m	2.5m	12.5m
Combination consisting of a prime mover and a semi-trailer	4.3m	2.5m	19.0m
Rigid vehicle and trailer combination	4.3m	2.5m	19.0m
Articulate low loader	4.3m	2.5m	19.0m
B-Double	4.3m	2.5m	19.0m*

\* B-Doubles longer than 19.0m may operate only on approved routes

## Transportation of round cotton bales on chain bed trailers

The transportation of round cotton bales on chain bed trailers must comply with the statutory width limits. The Cotton Chain-bed Semi Trailer Width Exemption Notice 2010 enables specified chain-bed semi trailers to transport cotton to a maximum width of 2.65m until 30 September 2010.

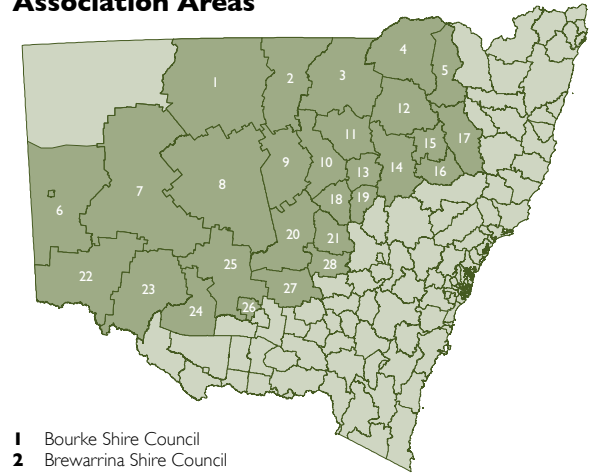
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The Cotton Chain-bed Semi Trailer Exemption Notice 2010 accommodates the height and rear overhang characteristics of these vehicles. This Notice only applies to cotton chain bed semi trailers. Please refer to the map which defines the areas of operation allowed under this Notice.

## Chain of Responsibility

All parties in the road transport supply chain must take positive steps to prevent a breach of the road transport, fatigue, speed, mass, dimension and load restraint laws. All those with responsibility for activities that affect compliance with road transport laws may be held legally accountable if they do not meet their obligations. For further information visit the RTA website [www.rta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au).

### Local Government and Shire Association Areas



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| <b>1</b> Bourke Shire Council   | <b>15</b> Gunnedah Shire Council         |
| <b>2</b> Brewarrina Shire Council   | <b>16</b> Liverpool Plains Shire Council |
| <b>3</b> Walgett Shire Council  | <b>17</b> Tamworth Regional Council      |
| <b>4</b> Moree Plains Shire Council   | <b>18</b> Narromine Shire Council        |
| <b>5</b> Gwydir Shire Council   | <b>19</b> Dubbo City Council             |
| <b>6</b> Broken Hill City Council; and Un-incorporated Far West area south of Broughmans Gate, Avenel, Lynray, Fowlers Gap and Gnalta | <b>20</b> Lachlan Shire Council          |
| <b>7</b> Central Darling Shire Council  | <b>21</b> Parkes Shire Council           |
| <b>8</b> Cobar Shire Council  | <b>22</b> Wentworth Shire Council        |
| <b>9</b> Bogan Shire Council  | <b>23</b> Balranald Shire Council        |
| <b>10</b> Warren Shire Council  | <b>24</b> Hay Shire Council              |
| <b>11</b> Coonamble Shire Council   | <b>25</b> Carrathool Shire Council       |
| <b>12</b> Narrabri Shire Council  | <b>26</b> Griffith City Council          |
| <b>13</b> Gilgandra Shire Council   | <b>27</b> Bland Shire Council            |
| <b>14</b> Warrumbungle Shire Council  | <b>28</b> Forbes Shire Council           |

### Summary – don'ts

- ✘ Don't forget to check the load after any sharp manoeuvre or emergency braking.
- ✘ Don't move your vehicle if any part of your load is not correctly restrained.
- ✘ Don't take risks.
- ✘ Don't travel in convoy.
- ✘ Don't allow vehicles to back up behind you.