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Road Safety Act 1986

ROAD SAFETY (VEHICLES) REGULATIONS 2009

Exemption of Certain Class O Vehicles from Rear Overhang Limits

1. Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to exempt certain class O vehicles from the maximum rear overhang limit permitted under the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2009 (in this notice referred to as the Vehicles Regulations).

2. Authorising Provisions

This notice is made subject to conditions specified in this Notice under regulation 178 of the Vehicles Regulations. Regulation 178 provides that the Roads Corporation may, by notice published in the Government Gazette, exempt a category of class O vehicles from any of the following requirements set out in Schedule 7 to the Vehicles Regulations –

- (a) a dimension limit, other than a limit that relates to a manufacturer's limit; or
- (b) any other requirement, apart from a mass limit.

A class O notice made under regulation 178 of the Vehicles Regulations may contain any conditions that the Roads Corporation thinks fit.

3. Commencement

This notice comes into operation on 21 November 2016.

5. Revocation

The notice published in Victoria Government Gazette No. S 209 on 24 July 2015, entitled 'Exemption of Certain Class O Vehicles from Rear Overhand Limits', is revoked.

6. Expiry

This notice expires on 22 November 2019.

7. Interpretation

In this notice words and phrases have the same meanings as in the **Road Safety Act 1986** and Road Safety Vehicles Regulations 2009.

8. Exemption and Conditions

In accordance with regulation 178 of the Vehicles Regulations, I, Eric Henderson, delegate of the Roads Corporation, exempt from the maximum rear overhang limits in regulation 169(3) of the Vehicles Regulations (as would be required by clause 5(1A) of Schedule 7 to the Vehicles Regulations) the following class O vehicles:

A trailer constructed to transport:

- (a) a glider and associated equipment;
- (b) water sport devices and associated equipment including but not limited to:
 - (i) a yacht;
 - (ii) rowing shells;
 - (iii) dragon boats;
 - (iv) surf skis;
 - (v) canoes; and
 - (vi) kayaks;

provided that the trailer and its contents comply with the following dimensions and conditions:

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8.1 Dimensions

- (a) The length of the laden trailer measured from the point of articulation between the trailer and the towing vehicle to the rearmost point of the load carried on the trailer, must not exceed 13.5 metres;
- (b) The rear overhang (measured from the centre of the trailer's axle or axle group and the rearmost part of the load carried on the trailer) must not exceed 5 metres;
- (c) Any part of the load that exceeds the rear overhang limit of 3.7 metres (that would otherwise be imposed under regulation 169(3)) must not exceed a total width of 2.0 metres;
- (d) The maximum width of a trailer must not exceed 2.5 metres
- (e) The rear overhang of the trailer as constructed must not exceed 3.7 metres
- (f) Any part of the load when secured, must not extend more than 1.2 metres forward of the point of articulation between the trailer and the towing vehicle;

8.2 Conditions:

- (a) This notice or a legible copy shall be carried by the driver of the vehicle at all times when operating under this exemption and be produced when requested by a member of Victoria Police or an Authorised Officer of the Roads Corporation;
- (b) This exemption is only valid whilst the trailer is specifically built for and used only to transport a glider, or a yacht, or rowing shells, or dragon boats, or canoes or kayaks, or surf skis or other water sport devices, along with equipment associated with the glider or water sport device;
- (c) The registered operator of the towing vehicle must ensure the combination can be safely operated on its intended routes;
- (d) The registered operator of the towing vehicle must ensure that the load is properly restrained to prevent unacceptable movement when travelling;
- (e) The towing vehicle and trailer must have sufficient capacity to safely carry and/or tow the load, including not exceeding manufacturers rating for the vehicle, trailer and any towing components;
- (f) The registered operator of the towing vehicle must ensure that the load is reduced or retracted to its smallest practicable dimensions when travelling on the road;
- (g) If the load projects more than 1.2 metres behind the trailer it must in the daytime be fitted with brightly coloured flags at least 300 millimetres by 300 millimetres that delineate the outer extremities of the load and in addition at night time be fitted with a red light or lights to the rear visible at a distance of 200 metres;
- (h) The trailer is fitted only with a single axle or one axle group; and
- (i) The trailer exerts a positive downward force on the towing vehicle's trailer coupling.

Dated 15 November 2016

ERIC HENDERSON
Director – Heavy Vehicle Access

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