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Exemption of Class O Field Bins from Certain Dimension Limits and Specification of Areas and Times at Which These May be Used

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Notice is to exempt Class O Field Bins from certain dimension limits permitted under the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2009 (in this notice referred to as the Vehicles Regulations) and specify the areas and the times at which Class O Field Bins may be used.

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 December 2016.

4. Expiry

This Notice expires on 9 November 2019.

5. Interpretation

In this Notice words and phrases have the same meanings as in the **Road Safety Act 1986**, **Road Management Act 2004** and Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2009.

6. Definition

- (i) A **Field Bin** is a type of bulk bin and is an agricultural implement used for the short-term storage of grain that weighs less than 4.5 tonnes unladen.
- (ii) **LED technology** means light-emitting diode technology.

7. Application

This Notice applies to a Class O Field Bin being towed by a light vehicle or tractor that is less than 4.5 tonnes.

8. Exemption and Conditions

In accordance with regulation 178 of the Vehicles Regulations, I Eric Henderson, delegate of the Roads Corporation, exempt Class O Field Bins from certain dimensions, travel restrictions and the pilot vehicle requirement as would be required by Schedule 7 to the Vehicles Regulations.

I exempt Class O Field Bins from the pilot vehicle requirement in clause 45 of Schedule 7 to Vehicles Regulations, subject to clause 9 in this Notice and I declare the areas, times and conditions set out in this Notice in which Class O Field Bins may be used (see clauses 10 and 11).

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9. Dimensions

- (i) The overall combination length (tow vehicle and Field Bin) must not exceed 20.0 metres;
- (ii) the length of the Field Bin must not exceed 11.0 metres;
- (iii) The maximum width of the Field Bin must not exceed 5.0 metres;
- (iv) The maximum height for Field Bin must not exceed 5.2 metres;
- (v) The maximum rear overhang of the Field Bin combination must not exceed 6.5 metres; and
- (vi) When fitted with an auger attachment, the rear projection of the Field Bin combination (measured from the edge of the Field Bin to the tip of the auger) must not exceed 90% of the bin's diameter.

10. Approved Areas of Travel

A Class O Field Bin combination travelling under the exemptions of this Notice is only authorised to travel within the boundaries of the Broad Acre and Flat areas of operation.

Note: the VicRoads Broad Acre and Flat Areas may be found at the following web page: '**Oversize Agricultural Vehicles** network map'

<http://vicroadsmaps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=e1979d46da254e0f9dcb13313107dfda>

11. Operating Conditions and general route restrictions**(i) Lighting**

Subject to Clause 11 of Schedule 7 to the Vehicles Regulations an LED light that has the power of at least 24 watts may also be used.

Note: A warning light (including LED) must emit a rotating, flashing, yellow-coloured light, and flash between 120 and 200 times a minute.

A strobe light cannot be used as a warning light on the combination, when travelling on the road network.

(ii) Carrying loads

A Class O Field Bin is not allowed to carry a load when travelling on the road network.

(iii) Night Travel

A Class O Field Bin combination must not travel at night under this Notice.

(iv) Assessing Routes Before Travel

Before a Class O Field Bin combination is driven along any route, the registered operator and driver must be satisfied that the route has been assessed and that the tow vehicle and the Class O Field Bin combination can be driven along it safely. In particular, the registered operator and driver must ensure that there is sufficient clearance under wires, structures and trees, and sufficient ground clearance at rail level crossings.

The assessment must be made in the knowledge that no representation is made by the Roads Corporation, and no member of its staff is authorised to make a representation, regarding sufficient clearance to any structure, wires, trees or rail level crossing.

The Class O Field Bin combination must not be driven along a route if to do so would be likely to cause:

- (a) disruption to telecommunications, electricity, rail, gas, water or sewage services; or
- (b) damage to a road, bridge, structure, rail level crossing or tree.

It is the responsibility of the owner and driver of a Class O Field Bin combination, to ensure that there is sufficient clearance under overhead structures and wires by contacting the relevant electricity and telecommunications authorities and that the route to be used is suitable for the safe passage of the load.

A separate support vehicle must travel with the tow vehicle and Class O Field Bin combination if the removal of any road furniture is required. This task is not to be performed by Pilot/escort combinations.

(v) **Permission of Other Parties**

Railway, tram, electricity and telecommunication corporations may require that their permission be sought prior to a Class O Field Bin combination being allowed to travel under their wires or over their rail and tram lines, once a combination exceeds certain dimensions.

Permission from the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources is required to cross a railway track where a Class O Field Bin combination exceeds 3.0 metres wide; 4.9 metres high; or 26.0 metres long; or to cross a tramway track where the vehicle combination exceeds 3.0 metres wide; 4.3 metres high; or 26.0 metres long.

Permission of the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources may be sought through the Traffic Services Unit on Tel: (03) 9655 6134 or 0417 054 626.

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ERIC HENDERSON
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