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ROAD SAFETY (VEHICLES) INTERIM REGULATIONS 2020

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) Interim Regulations 2020 (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 182 of the Vehicles Regulations. Regulation 182 provides that the Secretary 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, other than a mass limit.

A Class O notice made under regulation 182 of the Vehicles Regulations may contain any conditions that the Secretary thinks fit.

3. Commencement

This notice comes into operation on the date it is published in the Victoria Government Gazette.

4. Expiry

This notice expires five years from the date of publication, unless revoked earlier.

5. Interpretation

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

In this notice, *authorised officer* has the same meaning as it has in section 13(6) of the **Road Safety Act 1986**;

6. Exemption and Conditions

In accordance with regulation 182 of the Vehicles Regulations, I, Steven Abbott, delegate of the Secretary, exempt from the maximum rear overhang limits in regulation 173(3) of the Vehicles Regulations (as would be required by clause 2(2) 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 dimensions specified in clause 7 of this notice and provided that the conditions specified in clauses 8 of this notice are complied with.

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7. 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 173(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) Subject to paragraph (f), the rear overhang of the trailer as constructed must not exceed 3.7 metres;
- (f) The rear overhang of a glider trailer as constructed must not exceed 5.0 metres; and
- (g) 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. 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;
- (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 29 January 2021

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