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Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 1988 GAZETTE NOTICE FOR OVERSIZE VEHICLES CARRYING HAY

Regulation 724 of the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 1988 authorises the Roads Corporation, by notice in the Government Gazette, to allow vehicles with a dimension which exceeds a dimension limit prescribed in the Regulations to be used on roads.

Under that Regulation, I, Geoff Kloot, delegate of the Roads Corporation, allow vehicles (but not B-doubles or road trains) to exceed 4.3 metres in height and 2.5 metres in width when carrying hay and travelling on the roads set out in Part 4 provided they comply with:

- (a) the dimension limits in Part 1; and
- (b) the operating conditions in Part 2; and
- (c) the requirements for warning devices in Part 3.

This notice revokes the requirements relating to vehicles carrying hay which were set out in the notice in the Victoria Government Gazette No S56 of 23 June 1995.

If any of the conditions in this notice are breached, the notice is invalid in relation to the vehicle which is the subject of the breach, and the owner and the driver of the vehicle and any person who caused or permitted it to be used on a road may be prosecuted for exceeding the dimension limits in Part 7 of the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 1988.

This notice is effective from 11 April 1997 until 31 December 1999.

Dated 11 April 1997

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PART 1
Dimension Limits

- 1.1 Vehicles may be loaded with hay to a maximum height of 4.3 metres and a maximum width of 3.0 metres provided the width of the vehicle or any rigid frame supporting the load does not exceed 2.5 metres.
- 1.2 In spite of clause 1.1, a semi-trailer which has a tri-axle group may be loaded with bales of hay to a maximum height of 4.6 metres and a maximum width of 2.5 metres.
- 1.3 In spite of clause 1.2, a semi-trailer which has a tri-axle group and has at least 50% of its load carrying surface no more than 1.2 metres high may be loaded with round bales of hay to a maximum height of 4.6 metres and a maximum width of 3.0 metres.
- 1.4 The width is measured without taking into account any rear vision mirrors, lights or reflectors which are mounted on the side of the vehicle and comply with the standards for registration.

PART 2
Operating Conditions

- 2.1 The operator and driver of the vehicle are responsible for planning each journey to ensure that:
 - (a) the vehicle crosses bridges and negotiates curves in a safe manner, bearing in mind that some roads and intersections may not be capable of accommodating vehicles at the dimensions allowed by this Notice; and
 - (b) the vehicle does not travel-
 - (i) on a road, bridge or structure where any posted mass or dimension limit would be exceeded; or
 - (ii) beneath a bridge or overhead structure which carries a sign with the words "LOW CLEARANCE" or "CLEARANCE" if the height of the loaded vehicle is equal to or greater than the height shown on the sign; or

- (iii) beneath any other overhead structures, cables, wires or trees unless there is at least 200 mm clearance to the highest point of the vehicle.
- 2.2 The vehicle's operator and the driver's employer are responsible for ensuring that the driver of a vehicle which is more than 2.5 metres wide or more than 4.3 metres high has been provided with adequate information, training and instruction about potential hazards and the use of oversize vehicles.
- 2.3 The driver must carry the following documents in the driving compartment and must produce them when requested by a Roads Corporation Officer or a Police Officer:
 - (a) a copy of this notice or a VicRoads information bulletin which sets out the obligations imposed under this notice; and
 - (b) a copy of the VicRoads' booklet entitled "Height Clearance on Roads".
- 2.4 Any journey is made at the absolute risk of the vehicle's owner, operator and driver. No representation is made by the Roads Corporation that any road, bridge, culvert, causeway or grid is capable of withstanding the vehicle, that there is sufficient clearance under structures, wires or trees, or that there is sufficient ground clearance at railway level crossings.
- 2.5 Except where explicitly varied by this or any other Gazette Notice or any permit, the provisions of the Road Safety Act 1986 and its Regulations and any other Act, Regulation or By-Law are applicable.

PART 3

Warning Devices for Loaded Vehicles more than 2.5 metres wide

Warning signs

- 3.1(1) The vehicle must have a warning sign displayed at its front and rear.
- 3.1(2) The warning sign must not be displayed unless the loaded vehicle is more than 2.5 metres wide.
- 3.1(3) The warning sign must be made of stiff, flat, weatherproof material.
- 3.1(4) In spite of sub clause 3.1(3), the rear sign may be made of flexible material if the load is unsuitable for a stiff sign.
- 3.1(5) The sign must be at least 1200 mm long and at least 450 mm high.
- 3.1(6) The face of the warning sign must have:
 - (a) a yellow surface which complies with Class 1 or 2 of Australian Standard AS 1906. "Retro-reflective Materials and Devices for Road Traffic Control Purposes". Parts 1 to 4 (inclusive).

- (b) a black border which-
 - (i) is at least 20 mm wide; and
 - (ii) is set at least 10 mm in from the edge of the sign unless the sign has been made with a box edge.

- 3.1(7) The warning sign must show the letters "OVERSIZE", in black upper-case lettering, conforming with Australian Standard AS 1744, "Forms of Letters and Numerals for Road Signs", in typeface Series C(N).

- 3.1(8) The lettering must be:
 - (a) at least 200 mm high; and
 - (b) set at least 125 mm from the top and bottom of the sign respectively.

- 3.1(9) The warning sign must have its manufacturer's name or trademark permanently marked in letters at least 3 mm but not more than 10 mm high.

- 3.1(10) The marking may appear anywhere on the sign.

- 3.1(11) The warning sign must be mounted:
 - (a) vertically; and
 - (b) with its lower edge above the bottom of the bumper bar, or if there is no bumper bar, at least 500 mm from the ground level.

- 3.1(12) The sign may be split into two parts, in which case the combined length of its parts must be at least 1200 mm.

- 3.1(13) If the sign is split into two parts:
 - (a) the part mounted on the left must show the letters "OVER" and the part mounted on the right must show the letters "SIZE"; and
 - (b) there must be no border between the two parts; and
 - (c) both parts must be mounted at the same height.

- 3.1(14) The warning sign must be kept clean so that it can be easily read by other road users.

Warning lights

- 3.2(1) Between sunset and sunrise, the vehicle must display a warning light which:
 - (a) emits a rotating, flashing, yellow coloured light; and

(b) flashes between 120 and 200 times per minute; and

(c) has a power of at least 55 watts; and

(d) is not a strobe light.

3.2(2) The warning light must not be switched on unless the vehicle:

(a) is more than 2.5 metres wide; and

(b) is travelling or is stationary in a position which is likely to cause danger to other road users.

3.2(3) The warning light must be:

(a) clearly visible at a distance of 500 metres in all directions; or

(b) supplemented by another warning light so that the light emanating from one of them is clearly visible at a distance of 500 metres in all directions.

Side marker lights

3.3(1) Between sunset and sunrise, the vehicle must display side marker lights if it is travelling or is stationary in a position which is likely to cause danger to other road users.

3.3(2) The side marker lights must:

(a) show yellow to the front and red to the rear; and

(b) be positioned no more than 2 metres apart along both sides of the vehicle and along both sides of any front or rear projection.

Headlights

3.4(1) The vehicle must have its low beam headlights switched on when travelling between sunrise and sunset.

Warning flags

3.5(1) The vehicle must have a warning flag positioned at each side of the front and rear of the projecting load.

3.5(2) The warning flags must be:

(a) brightly coloured red or yellow or red and yellow; and

(b) at least 450 mm long by 450 mm wide.

PART 4
Roads

4.1 Travel is permitted on:

- (a) any road that has been declared under Schedule 5 of the Transport Act 1983; and
- (b) any road that has not been declared under Schedule 5 of the Transport Act 1983 if the road is along the most direct and practical route between the point of pick-up or delivery and a road that has been declared under Schedule 5 of the Transport Act 1983.

4.2 In spite of sub clause 4.1, a vehicle which is wider than 2.5 metres must not travel on the following roads:

Roads Corporation's Eastern Region

ROAD	MUNICIPALITY
Alpine Road	East Gippsland Shire
Bonang Road	East Gippsland Shire
Boolarra-Mirboo North Road	La Trobe and South Gippsland Shires
Gelantipy Road between Butchers Ridge and McKillops Road	East Gippsland Shire
McKillops Road	East Gippsland Shire
Meeniyah-Mirboo North Road between Farmers Road and Smallmans Road	South Gippsland Shire
Mount Baw Baw Road between Icy Creek and Mount Baw Baw	Baw Baw Shire
Murrungower Road north from Jirrah Track	East Gippsland Shire
Omeo Highway between Bruthen and Ensay	East Gippsland Shire
Omeo Highway north from Benambra Road to Shire boundary	East Gippsland Shire
Snowy River Road	East Gippsland Shire
Tarra Valley Road between Devon North and The Grand Ridge Road	Wellington Shire
The Grand Ridge Road	Wellington Shire
Walhalla Road	Baw Baw Shire
Warburton-Woods Point Road	Baw Baw Shire

Roads Corporation's North Eastern Region

ROAD	MUNICIPALITY
Acheron Way	Murrindindi Shire
Alpine Road	Alpine Shire
Bogong High Plains Road	Alpine Shire
Jamieson-Licola Road	Delatite Shire
Lake Mountain Road	Murrindindi Shire
Mansfield-Woods Point Road between Jamieson and Woods Point	Delatite Shire
Maroondah Highway southwest from Saint Fillans to Shire boundary	Murrindindi Shire
Marysville-Woods Point Road	Murrindindi Shire
Mount Buffalo Road	Alpine Shire
Mount Buller Road between Mirimbah and Mount Buller Alpine Village	Delatite Shire
Omeo Highway south from Mitta Mitta to Shire boundary	Towong Shire
Warburton-Woods Point Road	Delatite Shire

Roads Corporation's Western Region

ROAD	MUNICIPALITY
Wartook Road	Northern Grampians Shire
Zumsteins Road between Halls Gap and Wartook	Rural City of Horsham and Northern Grampians Shire

Roads Corporation's South Western Region

ROAD	MUNICIPALITY
Beech Forest Road between Beech Forest and Forrest-Apollo Bay Road	Colac-Otway Shire
Bells Beach Road	Surf Coast Shire
Cape Otway Lighthouse Road	Colac-Otway Shire
Colac-Lavers Hill Road between Ferguson and Lavers Hill	Colac-Otway Shire

Deans Marsh-Lorne Road	Surf Coast Shire
Forrest-Apollo Bay Road	Colac-Otway Shire
Gellibrand River Road	Colac-Otway Shire
Great Ocean Road between Anglesea and Nirranda South	Surf Coast, Colac-Otway, Corangamite and Moyne Shires
Hamilton Highway between Hyland Street and Minerva Road	City of Greater Geelong
Lavers Hill-Cobden Road between Simpson and Lavers Hill	Corangamite and Colac-Otway Shires
Skenes Creek Road	Colac-Otway Shire

Roads Corporation's South East Metropolitan Region

ROAD	MUNICIPALITY
Acheron Way	Yarra Ranges Shire
Don Road between Warburton Highway and Donna Buang Road (east of Nyora Road)	Yarra Ranges Shire
Donna Buang Road between Badger Weir Road and Acheron Way	Yarra Ranges Shire
Gembrook-Launching Place Road	Cardinia and Yarra Ranges Shires
Marysville-Woods Point Road	Yarra Ranges Shire
Mount Dandenong Tourist Road	Yarra Ranges Shire
Ridge Road	Yarra Ranges Shire
Warburton-Woods Point Road	Yarra Ranges Shire

PART 5
Definitions

5.1 In this notice:

"axle" means one or more shafts positioned in a line across a vehicle, on which one or more wheels intended to support the vehicle turn.

"axle group" means a single axle group, tandem axle group, tri-axle group or quad-axle group.

"B-double" means a prime mover towing two semi-trailers.

“converter dolly” means a trailer with a fifth wheel coupling and an axle group or a single axle, which is designed to convert a semi-trailer into a dog trailer.

“dog trailer” means a trailer (including a trailer consisting of a semi-trailer and a converter dolly) with:

- (a) an axle group or single axle at the front that is steered by a drawbar connecting it to a towing vehicle; and
- (b) an axle group or single axle towards the rear.

“drawbar” means a part of a trailer (other than a semi-trailer) that connects the trailer to a coupling for towing purposes.

“fifth wheel coupling” means a device, other than the upper rotating element and the kingpin (which are parts of a semi-trailer), used with a prime mover, a semi-trailer or a converter dolly to permit quick coupling and uncoupling and to provide for articulation.

“load”, in relation to a vehicle, includes anything that is normally removed from the vehicle when the vehicle is not in use.

“motor vehicle” means a vehicle which is used or intended to be used on a highway or in a public place and which has its own motive power (other than human or animal power), but does not include:

- (a) a vehicle intended to be used on a railway or tramway; or
- (b) a motorised wheel-chair capable of a speed of not more than 7 kilometres per hour which is used solely for the conveyance of an injured or disabled person.

“operator” means a person who is responsible for or controls or directs the operations of a motor vehicle.

“owner”, in relation to a vehicle, means:

- (a) if the vehicle:
 - (i) is registered, a person in whose name the vehicle is registered under a Commonwealth, State or Territory Act; or
 - (ii) if the vehicle is not registered, a person to whom a mark, plate, or permit has been issued to allow the vehicle to be used; and
- (b) a person who, according to the vehicle registration authority’s records, has acquired the vehicle from the person in whose name the vehicle is registered under the relevant law; and
- (c) a person who is entitled to the possession of the vehicle.

“prime mover” means a motor vehicle built to tow a semi-trailer.

“quad axle group” means a group of four axles, in which the horizontal distance between the centre-lines of the outermost axles is more than 3.2 metres but not more than 4.9 metres.

“road train” means a prime mover towing at least two trailers (counting as one trailer a converter dolly supporting a semi-trailer).

“semi-trailer” means a trailer that has:

- (a) one axle group or single axle towards the rear; and
- (b) a means of attachment to a prime mover that would result in some of the load being imposed on the prime mover.

“single axle” means an axle not forming part of an axle group.

“single axle group” means a group of two or more axles in which the horizontal distance between the centre-lines of the outermost axles is less than 1.0 metre.

“tandem axle group” means a group of at least two axles in which the horizontal distance between the centre-lines of the outermost axles is at least 1.0 metre but not more than 2.0 metres.

“trailer” means a vehicle without its own motive power which is capable of being drawn by a motor vehicle.

“tri-axle group” means a group of three axles in which the horizontal distance between the centre-lines of the outermost axles is more than 2.0 metres but not more than 3.2 metres.

“vehicle” includes the vehicle’s equipment and any substances which the vehicle is carrying that are essential for its operation.

“vehicle registration authority”, in relation to a vehicle, means:

- (a) the authority that last registered the vehicle; or
- (b) if the vehicle has never been registered, the authority responsible for registering vehicles in the State or Territory in which the vehicle is used or is intended to be used.



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