



## HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW

### Queensland Class 1 Agricultural Cotton Vehicle Easter Restriction (Mass and Dimension) Exemption (Notice) 2015 (No. 1)

#### 1 Purpose

- (1) The purpose of this notice is to exempt class 1 vehicles travelling for a use associated with cotton harvesting in Queensland from restrictions upon travelling on certain roads during the Easter period.

#### 2 Authorising Provision

- (1) This notice is made under section 117 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law as in force in each participating jurisdiction.

#### 3 Title

- (1) This notice may be cited as the *Queensland Agricultural Cotton Vehicle Easter Restriction Notice 2015*.

#### 4 Commencement

- (1) This notice commences on the date of its publication in the Commonwealth Gazette.

#### 5 Expiry

- (1) This notice expires at sunset on 7 April 2015.

#### 6 Definitions

- (1) Unless otherwise stated, words and expressions used in this notice have the same meanings as those defined in the HVNL.
- (2) In this notice—

**Class Permit No. 125-TH-13am2** means the permit titled *Class Permit No. 125-TH-13am2 John Deere 7760 Cotton Harvester Over Size and Over Mass Concession*.

**Easter period** is the period from the Thursday before Easter to the Tuesday after Easter inclusive.

**Form 4 Guideline** means the *Guideline for Excess Dimension: Vehicles Carrying Indivisible Articles; Special Purpose Vehicles and Vehicles that require a Pilot or Escort, in Queensland Form Number 4, Version 8, February 2013*.

**Form 14 Guideline** means the *Guideline for Excess Dimension Agricultural Vehicles and Agricultural Combinations; Vehicle and Drivers Form Number 14, Version 4, October 2013*.

**National Regulation** means the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation*.

**pilot vehicle** means a motor vehicle that accompanies an oversize vehicle, to warn other road users of the oversize vehicle's presence.

**Zone A** means the area bounded by the roads described in Schedule 1.

**Zone B** means the area bounded by the roads described in Schedule 1.

## 7 Application

- (1) This notice applies to the movement of agricultural vehicles associated with the cotton harvest in Queensland.

## 8 Exemption for Easter travel

- (1) Notwithstanding any restriction on travel during the Easter period contained within the *Class Permit No. 125-TH-13am2* or the Form 4 Guideline, a John Deere 7760 Cotton Harvester is authorized to be driven or transported in and along the boundaries of, where indicated, Zone A and Zone B, subject to the conditions contained within this notice, on the allowed travel days (the allowed days) for that zone; and
- (2) Notwithstanding any restriction on travel during the Easter period contained within the Form 14 Guideline any agricultural vehicle associated with the cotton harvest is able to be moved in accordance with the Form 14 guideline provided that movement occurs in or along the boundaries of, where indicated, Zone A and Zone B, subject to the conditions contained with this notice, on the allowed travel days (the allowed days) for that zone.

## 9 Allowed days

- (1) The allowed days —
  - (a) for Zone A, are—
    - (i) Holy Thursday; and
    - (ii) Easter Saturday; and
    - (iii) Easter Sunday; and
    - (iv) Easter Tuesday, and
  - (b) for Zone B, are—
    - (i) Easter Saturday; and
    - (ii) Easter Sunday.

## **10 Travel on minor roads outside Zones**

- (1) Travel on minor roads outside the boundary of Zone B is permitted on the allowed days where access is required to local cotton fields and farms—
  - (a) in the Emerald and Theodore Irrigation Area; and
  - (b) in the Biloela surrounds.

## **11 Hours of travel**

- (1) An eligible vehicle to which this notice applies is only authorised to travel in Zones A and B during daylight hours.

## **12 Pilot and Escort Vehicles**

- (1) An agricultural vehicle being moved in accordance with this notice and the Form 14 Guideline must be accompanied by at least one agricultural pilot vehicle above the minimum requirements of the Form 14 Guideline.
- (2) A John Deere 7760 Cotton Harvester—
  - (a) must be driven in accordance with the pilot and escort requirements contained in the Class Permit No. 125-TH-13am2; or
  - (b) when transported, does not need to comply with the level 1 pilot and level 2 escort or police escort requirements in the Form 4 Guideline, but must be accompanied by three escort vehicles.

## **13 Conditions -General**

- (1) It is a condition of this exemption that—
  - (a) an eligible vehicle complies with—
    - (i) the requirements of this notice; and
    - (ii) all applicable conditions or requirements of the Class Permit No. 125-TH-13am2, the Form 4 Guideline and the Form 14 Guideline that are not exempted by this notice; and
  - (b) the driver of an eligible vehicle operating under this exemption must keep in the driver's possession a copy of this notice and must produce the notice to an authorized officer when requested.

Note— Nothing in this notice should be taken as permitting an agricultural vehicle to exceed the maximum width requirements for the zones 1, 2 and 3 of the Form 14 Guideline.

## **14 Exclusion of prescribed conditions**

- (1) The application of Schedule 8 of the National Regulation to this notice is expressly excluded.

## 15 Declaration

I, Sal Petrocchio, delegate of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator hereby exempt the stated categories of heavy vehicles specified in this notice from the stated requirements of the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass Dimension and Loading) National Regulation* to the extent and on the conditions specified in this notice.

**Dated: 19 March 2015**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sal Petrocchio', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Chief Executive Officer**

National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

## Schedule 1

**ZONE A – As shown in yellow on the attached map and as described below:**

Boundary and included areas and roads		Highway limits
On and west of	the Leichhardt Highway	Between Goondiwindi and Miles
South of the Warrego Highway (to the State Border)	<b>No access permitted on the Warrego Highway</b>	Between Miles and Roma
On and east of	the Carnarvon Highway	Between Roma and Mungindi
On an east of	the Castlereagh Highway	Between Hebel and Dirranbandi
North of and east of	Dirranbandi to the Balonne Highway	Including the St-George to Dirranbandi Road
From the Balonne Highway	35kms west of St George to and including the Mitchell St George Road to the Maranoa River and area south of Lake Kajarabie bounded by the Carnarvon Highway.	

**ZONE B-As shown in green on the attached map and as described below:**

Boundary and included area and roads		Highway limits
On and west of	Texas-Inglewood Road	
On and west of	Millmerran to Inglewood Road	
On and west of	Gore Highway	Between Millmerran and Pittsworth
On and west of	Pittsworth to Oakey Road	
On and north west of	the Cunningham Highway to the Toowoomba-Karara Road	From Inglewood
On and west of	The Toowoomba to Karara Road and Clifton to Pittsworth Road	To Pittsworth
South of the Warrego Highway between Oakey and Dalby	<b>No access permitted on Warrego Highway</b>	
On and west of	Dalby to Jandowae Road	
On and west of	Jandowae Connection Road	
On and south of	Chinchilla-Wondai Road	
On and south of	Warrego Highway	Between Chinchilla to Miles
On and west of	Leichardt Highway	Between Miles to Banana
On and south of	Dawson Highway	Between Moura to Rolleston
On and west of	Rolleston – Blackwater Road	
On and south of	Capricorn Highway	Between Blackwater to Emerald
The area north of	Capricorn Highway between Comet and Emerald bounded by the Comet and Nogoia River and Gregory Highway	
The area west of	the Gregory Highway within a radius of 15km from Emerald including Selma Road	
On and east of	the Carnarvon Highway	Between Rolleston and Roma
On and east of	the Dawson Highway	Between Rolleston and Springsure
On and east of	the Gregory Highway	Between Springsure and Emerald

