



HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW

Queensland Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle (Coastal Zone 1) Dimension Exemption Notice 2016 (No. 1)

1. Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to exempt the stated categories of class 1 heavy vehicles from the prescribed dimension requirements specified in the notice subject to the conditions specified in the notice.

Note: This Notice replaces the Queensland Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle (Zone 1) Dimension Exemption Notice 2016 (No. 1) upon the expiry of that notice.

2. Authorising Provision(s)

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

3. Title

This notice may be cited as the *Queensland Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle (Coastal Zone 1) Dimension Exemption Notice 2016*.

4. Commencement

This notice commences on 1 September 2016.

5. Expiry

This notice expires on 31 August 2021.

6. Definitions

In this Notice—

agricultural combination means a combination consisting of at least one agricultural vehicle.

agricultural pilot, means a person—

- (a) directly associated with primary production who has held an open or provisional driver's license for at least 12 months; or
- (b) who is an accredited pilot vehicle driver or accredited escort vehicle driver appointed by the Chief Executive of Department of Transport and Main Roads, to carry out pilot duties under the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995 (Qld)*, Section 21.

agricultural vehicle, means an agricultural implement or agricultural machine.

built-up area, in relation to a length of road, means an area in which either of the following is present for a distance of at least 500m or, if the length of road is shorter than 500m, for the whole road—

- (a) buildings, not over 100m apart, on land next to the road; or
- (b) street lights not over 100m apart.

Christmas and New Year period means the period from:

- (a) 24 December to 2 January of the following year inclusive; or
- (b) when Christmas day falls on a Sunday or a Monday, from 12 noon on the Friday prior to Christmas day to 2 January of the following year; or
- (c) when New Years day falls on a Friday, 24 December to 3 January; or
- (d) when the oversize agricultural vehicle or combination requires more than one agricultural pilot or a combination of an escort vehicle and agricultural pilot/s, restrictions commence 19 December and conclude as per a), b) or c) above.

convoy means the movement of more than one eligible vehicle travelling together on a road. An eligible vehicle is deemed to be travelling together with another eligible vehicle if it is travelling within 60 metres of that other vehicle or combination in a 60 km/hr speed zone or less or otherwise within 200 metres in any other speed zone.

critical area means the shaded areas indicated on the “Critical Areas and Roads in Queensland Map”. It also includes any place which is a built up area within the city limits of the following – Ayr, Bowen, Bundaberg, Cairns, Gladstone, Gordonvale, Gympie, Ingham, Innisfail, Mackay, Maryborough, Proserpine, Sarina, Townsville, Rockhampton.

Critical Areas and Roads in Queensland Map means the maps of that name published by TMR and available on its website.

critical road means a road marked in red on the Critical Areas and Roads in Queensland Map published by TMR.

Easter period means the period from Thursday before Easter to the Tuesday after Easter inclusive.

eligible vehicle means an agricultural machine or an agricultural combination.

major road is a road marked in blue on the Critical Area and Roads in Queensland map.

minor road is a road other than a major road or a critical road.

Portable road side warning sign means a sign approved for the purposes of this trial by Queensland Transport and Main roads.

TMR means the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads.

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

Zone 1 means the area of that name indicated in the heavy vehicle zone maps located in 'Maps—Multi-combination routes and zones in Queensland' name published by TMR and available on its website.

7. Application

This notice applies to an eligible vehicle operating in Zone 1 in Queensland.

8. Exemption from prescribed dimension requirements

(1) An eligible vehicle is exempt from the following dimension requirements of Schedule 6 of the Regulation—

- (a) Section 3(1)(a) and (g) – Length – general; and
- (b) Section 5 – Length - rear overhang; and
- (c) Section 7(1) – Width; and
- (d) Section 8(d) – Height.

9. Prescribed conditions

An eligible vehicle must comply with the conditions in Schedule 8 of the Regulation mentioned in Schedule 2 to this notice, and need not comply with another condition in Schedule 8.

10. Conditions - General

(1) An eligible vehicle must not exceed the following dimension limits—

- (a) a maximum length of—
 - (i) 12.5 metres, for an agricultural machine other than a harvester; and
 - (ii) 14.5 metres, for a harvester; and
 - (iii) 19.0 metres for an articulated agricultural machine; and
 - (iv) 25.0 metres, for an agricultural combination; and
- (b) a maximum rear overhang of—
 - (i) 4.5 metres, for an agricultural machine or implement, other than an auger, conveyor, cotton module builder or harvester; and
 - (ii) 5.5 metres, for an auger, conveyor or cotton module builder; and
 - (iii) 7.8 metres, for a harvester; and
- (c) a maximum width of 4.0 metres;
- (d) a maximum height of 5.0 metres.

(2) Notwithstanding the width limit in s10(1)(c) above, an eligible vehicle up to 5.0 meters wide may cross a road under the following conditions:

(a) The road being crossed is a road under s11 of this Notice; and

(b) The eligible vehicle crosses in a straight line perpendicular to the alignment of the road being crossed, directly from one side of the road to the other.

Note: the conditions in s10(2) above are specifically intended to ensure operation of this Notice with other Notices that allow 5.0 meter widths, or with vehicles crossing from private property to private property. A vehicle making such a crossing will still need to meet the other conditions of this notice while they cross, and ensure that any crossing is done safely according to law.

(3) An eligible vehicle may not travel at night under this Notice.

(4) Pilot operations must be conducted by an agricultural pilot.

(5) The driver of an eligible vehicle must immediately advise the driver of the agricultural pilot vehicle of any damage caused during the movement of the oversize vehicle or combination.

(6) The driver of the lead agricultural pilot vehicle accompanying an eligible vehicle who is aware of any damage to property owned by a road manager incurred during the movement of the eligible vehicle, must report the damage to the nearest Department of Transport and Main Roads office.

(7) The driver of the lead agricultural pilot vehicle accompanying an eligible vehicle who is aware of any damage to property owned by any other entity must report the damage to the relevant authority as soon as possible. If the damage could cause a dangerous situation, it must be reported immediately.

(8) An eligible vehicle must not travel in convoy.

(9) At all times an elevator of a harvester must be moved in the same direction the vehicle is turning to minimise the distance the overhang projects into the adjacent lane. The elevator must not project out beyond the side of the vehicle in an unsafe manner while performing this procedure.

(10) If an eligible vehicle must be conditionally registered—

(a) it must comply with all requirements of the *Guideline for Conditionally Registered Vehicles in Queensland - Form 17* including any more restrictive conditions applying to travel distances in that guideline; and

(b) the appropriate registration category for the level of access obtained must be held.

Note: The Form 17 Guideline contains maximum travel distances and in the case of any inconsistency with this notice, the lesser of the distances in this notice and Form 17 must be adhered to. It is published by QTMR and available on its website.

(11) An eligible vehicle must comply with the road category conditions in Table 1 for each road category on which it travels.

Table 1 - Conditions applying when travelling along a road

Road category	Conditions
Critical road	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An eligible vehicle must— <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. have a minimum buffer zone of 0.5m from the centre line at all times (unless turning across a roadway); and b. travel no more than 5km travel for a single journey; and c. be accompanied by 1 pilot vehicle operated by an agricultural pilot; and 2. Portable road side warning signs must be placed— <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. at least 350m in advance of the travel zone in both/all directions; and b. at any critical or major road intersecting with the road along which the eligible vehicle is travelling
Major or minor road	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An eligible vehicle must be accompanied by 2 pilot vehicles operated by agricultural pilots; or 2. An eligible vehicle must be accompanied by 1 pilot vehicle operated by an agricultural pilot, and portable road side warning signs must be placed— <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. at least 350m in advance of the travel zone in both/all directions; and b. at any major road intersecting with the road along which the eligible vehicle is travelling;

Note: Prior assessment of the route is a requirement of Section 11 of Schedule 8 of the Regulation, included in Schedule 2 of this Notice.

(12) Pilot positioning and use must be in accordance with Tables 2, 2A and 3, and subsection (13).

Table 2 - Positioning of pilot where one agricultural pilot used for travel along a road

Location	Maximum distance
Built-up area	300m in front of the eligible vehicle
Built-up area (dual carriageway)	300m behind the eligible vehicle
Outside built-up area (max. speed ≤ 80 km/h)	Between 300m and 1000m in front of the eligible vehicle
Outside built-up area (max. speed > 80 km/h)	Between 1000m and 1500m in front of the eligible vehicle

Table 2A – Positioning of pilots where two agricultural pilots used for travel along a road

Location	Vehicle	Maximum Distance
Built-up area (single and dual carriageway)	one pilot vehicle	300m in front of the eligible vehicle
	one pilot vehicle	300m behind the eligible vehicle
Outside built-up area (max. speed limit ≤ 80 km/h)	one pilot vehicle	between 500m and 1000m in front of the eligible vehicle
	one pilot vehicle	300m behind the eligible vehicle

Outside built-up area (max. speed limit > 80 km/h)	one pilot vehicle	between 1000m and 1500m in front of the eligible vehicle
	one pilot vehicle	500m behind the eligible vehicle

Table 3 – Conditions for crossing any critical road, or any road in a critical area

Visibility	Pilot requirements
If the driver has clear vision of at least 350m along the road from the normal driver's position in both directions	Nil
If the driver has clear vision of at least 350m along the road from the normal driving position in one direction only but there is at least 100m clear vision along the road in the other direction	At least one agricultural pilot while crossing the road. The agricultural pilot must be positioned on the side with the least vision and in a manner prescribed in Section 13.
If the driver does not have clear vision of at least 350m along the road in both directions but there is at least 100m clear vision along the road in both directions	At least two agricultural pilots while crossing the road. One agricultural pilot must be positioned on each side of the eligible vehicle crossing the road in a manner prescribed in Section 13.

- (13) If the driver does not have clear vision of at least 100 metres along the road in both directions an alternative route to cross the road with the required sight distances must be used.
- (14) An agricultural pilot vehicle assisting with the movement of an eligible vehicle crossing a critical road or a road into a critical area must be—
- (a) stationary in a safe position on the side of the formed part of the road; and
 - (b) located at least 350 metres from the crossing eligible vehicle but no further than 500 metres; and
 - (c) clearly visible to oncoming traffic at a distance of at least 100 metres.
- (15) A harvester —
- (a) with a rear overhang exceeding 5.5m travelling on a critical road, or a major road must be accompanied by an additional agricultural pilot travelling no more than 300 metres behind, unless a rear pilot is already required under Table 2 or 2A; or
 - (b) that is a sugar cane harvester, may operate on a designated road listed in Table 4, without being accompanied by an agricultural pilot, except within 100 metres of the Bruce Highway (an 'excluded area').

Note: When travelling in an excluded area, an eligible vehicle must comply with the pilot requirements ordinarily applicable to that category of road.

Table 4 - Designated roads

Local Government Area	Designated road
Mackay	(536) Mirani - Mt Ossa Rd (5302) Maraju - Yakapari Rd (5332) North Eton Rd (516) Homebush Rd (518) Eton - Homebush Rd
Whitsunday	(5382) Crystal Brook Rd (8501) Gregory - Cannon Valley Rd

- (16) This notice does not authorise the movement of an eligible vehicle within an unsafe distance of an overhead or underground electric line or otherwise contrary to Part 5 (Overhead and underground electric lines) of the *Electrical Safety Regulation 2013* (Qld), or contrary to Part 5 (Vehicles) of the *Transport Infrastructure (Rail) Regulation 2006* (Qld).

11. Areas or Routes to which this Exemption applies

A person may drive an eligible vehicle on a road in a Zone 1 participating local government area set out in Schedule 1 to this notice.

12. General route restriction conditions

- (1) An eligible vehicle is only authorised to travel on a minor road mentioned in Schedule 1 if it complies with any conditions associated with the road in Schedule 1.
- (2) A person must not drive an eligible vehicle on a road to which this Notice applies—
 - (a) at any time—
 - (i) from 7.00am to sunset on a Saturday or Sunday, except on a minor road outside a critical area; or
 - (ii) on a single day, state wide, public holiday; or
 - (iii) from midday the day prior to a state wide long weekend, until sunset on that day, and from 7.00am to sunset on each day of the long weekend; or
 - (b) in a Central Business District of any City on a business day between 7.00am and 9.00am, or between 4.00pm and 6.00pm; or
 - (c) in the following areas during restricted times—
 - (i) on a School Bus Route during times when a school bus is scheduled to use the route; or
 - (ii) on roads which have been designated as school zones during the times speed restrictions for the zone are in place; or
 - (d) during the Christmas and New Year period, or the Easter period, other than a period mentioned in (a)(ii), except—

(i) on a minor road; and

(ii) provided the vehicle is accompanied by pilot vehicles travelling behind and in front of the eligible vehicle.

Note: The public holiday restriction in Section 12(a)(ii) remains in force notwithstanding the travel otherwise allowed under Section 12(d)

13. Conditions applying to particular routes

An eligible vehicle is only authorised to travel on a restricted road mentioned in Table 5 if it complies with the conditions in the table.

Table 5 – Specific Restrictions

Restricted Roads	Conditions
The Gillies Highway (Gordonvale - Atherton Road)	Between the hours of 9.00am and 4.00pm.
The Kuranda Range (Kennedy Highway: Cairns - Mareeba)	Between the hours of 9.00am and 4.00pm.
On any part of the following roads/bridges <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Old Marlborough Sarina Road on the Sarina Range (Sarina Police)• The Peak Downs Highway on the Eton Range (Mackay Superintendent of Traffic)• The Burdekin River Bridge (Home Hill Police) and• Any road on the Kuranda Range (Cairns Police)	Where confirmation has been obtained from the Queensland Police Service as to the necessary escort requirements.

Dated: 26 August 2016



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Schedule 1 Participating Local Government Areas and Additional Conditions for Minor Roads

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Local Government Area	Routes	Additional conditions for minor roads
Bundaberg	<p>Major and critical roads except to the extent excluded in this notice</p> <p><i>Note—</i></p> <p>Access to minor roads by oversized agricultural vehicles in the Bundaberg Region is governed by the <i>Bundaberg Region Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle (5.0m wide) Dimension Exemption Notice 2015 (No. 1)</i></p>	<p>(a) There is no other requirement or condition from the Bundaberg Council or any other Authority or Entity which stipulates that the route or portions of the route may not be used by an eligible vehicle.</p> <p>(b) An operator operating an eligible vehicle under this notice must indemnify the Bundaberg Regional Council and its employees against any claim, action or process for damage or injury that may be sustained against them due to the use of vehicles specified.</p>
Burdekin	Major, minor and critical roads except to the extent excluded in this notice	Nil
Cairns	Major, minor and critical roads except to the extent excluded in this notice	<p>(a) An operator operating an eligible vehicle under this notice must indemnify the Cairns Regional Council and its employees against any claim, action or process for damage or injury that may be sustained against them due to the use of vehicles specified.</p> <p>(b) A copy of the trial proposal and this acknowledgement should be kept in the vehicle as evidence of Councils acknowledgement.</p>
Cassowary Coast	<p>(a) Major and critical roads except to the extent excluded in this notice; and</p> <p>(b) Minor roads other than a road incorporating a bridge, or culvert, that is less than 4.5 metres wide.</p>	Nil

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Local Government Area	Routes	Additional conditions for minor roads
Fraser Coast	(a) Major and critical roads except to the extent excluded in this notice; and (b) Minor roads constructed to a minimum of 6 metres wide	Nil
Gladstone	Major, minor and critical roads except to the extent excluded in this notice	The conditions contained in the document titled ' <i>Standard Conditions Applying to Permits (Grant of Authority) for Movement(s) of Excess Mass & Dimension Load(s) on the Gladstone Regional Council Road Network</i> ', published at <a "="" href="http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/forms/R/">http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/forms/R/ "Roads - Standard Conditions applying to Permits (Grant of Authority)" except to the extent such conditions are inconsistent with this notice.
Gold Coast	The following minor roads: Ageston Road, Alberton; Zipfs Road, Alberton; Loves Road, Alberton; Rotary Park Road, Alberton; Alberton Road, Alberton; Quinns Hill Road West, Alberton; Quinns Hill Road East, Alberton; Burnside Road, Gilberton; Rossmann Road, Gilberton; Jacosa Road, Gilberton; Holmstead Road, Steiglitz; Rocky Point Road, Steiglitz; Cabbage Tree Point Road, Steiglitz; Gross Road, Steiglitz; Steiglitz Road, Steiglitz; New Norwell road, Norwell; Skopp's Road, Norwell; Fischer's Road, Norwell; Norwell Road, Norwell; Kerkin Road North, Norwell*; Kerkin Road South, Norwell; Behms Road, Norwell; Swamp Road, Woongoolba; Gibson Road, Woongoolba; Cooks Road, Woongoolba; School Road, Woongoolba; Finglas Road, Woongoolba; Mill Road, Woongoolba; Shortcut Road, Woongoolba; Helmore Road, Jacobs Well; Huth Road, Jacobs Well; Beattie Road, Coomera; Waterway Drive, Coomera; Shipper Drive, Coomera; Foxwell Road, Coomera; Finnegan Way, Coomera; Stewarts Road, Ormeau; Eggersdorf Road, Ormeau; Goldmine Road, Ormeau;	*This Notice does not permit a vehicle travelling on Kerkin Road North to drive onto the bridge on that road where it crosses the Pimpama River.

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Local Government Area	Routes	Additional conditions for minor roads
Gympie	Major, minor and critical roads except to the extent excluded in this notice	Nil
Hinchinbrook	(a) Major, and critical roads except to the extent excluded in this notice; and (b) Minor roads outside a built-up area; and (c) The following minor roads within the city limits of Ingham— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McIlwraith St, • Tully St, • Davidson St, and • Skinner St 	Nil
Isaac	Major, minor and critical roads except to the extent excluded in this notice	Nil
Livingstone	Major, minor and critical roads except to the extent excluded in this notice	Nil
Mackay	Major, minor and critical roads except to the extent excluded in this notice	Nil
Rockhampton	Major, minor and critical roads except to the extent excluded in this notice	Nil
Townsville	Major, minor and critical roads except to the extent excluded in this notice	Nil
Whitsunday	Major, minor and critical roads except to the extent excluded in this notice	Nil

Schedule 2 – Applicable Conditions of Schedule 8 of the Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation

General conditions - Part 1 Division 1

- Section 1 - Smallest practicable size
- Section 2 - Warning signs and flags
- Section 4 - Warning lights for daytime use
- Section 6 – Headlights
- Section 8 - No travelling if low visibility
- Section 10 - Allow overtaking
- Section 11 - Assessing routes

Agricultural vehicle requirements - Part 1 Division 4

- Section 19 - Application
- Section 20(3) and (4) - Warning devices
- Section 22 - Not to be used on Freeways
- Section 23 - Implements not to carry goods or passengers
- Section 24 - Speed limits without brakes

Pilot and escort vehicles - Part 1 Division 5

- Section 25 - Application, modified so that 25(1)(a) also applies where an eligible vehicle must be accompanied by a pilot vehicle under a condition of this notice
- Section 26 - Requirements for pilot vehicles
- Section 28 - Headlights on pilot vehicles
- Section 29 - Restriction of what may be carried
- Section 31(1) and (2)(b) - Communication between drivers

All dimension exemptions - Part 3 Division 1

- Section 34 - Application
- Section 35 - Characteristics of warning lights
- Section 36 - Visibility of warning lights
- Section 37 - Switch for warning lights
- Section 38 - Warning lights to be on if required, and off if not

Warning signs - Part 3 Division 2 Sub-division 1

- Section 39 - Application

Warning signs (Agricultural & Pilot vehicles) - Part 3 Division 2 Sub-division 2

- Section 40 - Application of Sub-division
- Section 41 - Warning signs
- Section 42 - Material of warning signs
- Section 43 - Keeping signs clean

Warning signs (Agricultural vehicles) - Part 3 Division 2 Sub-division 3

- Section 44 - Application of sub-division
- Section 45 - Size of warning signs
- Section 46 - Size of warning sign
- Section 47 - Fitting warning signs

Warning signs (Pilot vehicles) - Part 3 Division 2 Sub-division 4

- Section 48 - Application
- Section 49 - Size and shape of sign
- Section 50 - Faces of warning sign
- Section 51 - Fitting warning signs