HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW

Queensland Class 3 Cotton Module Transportation Dimension Exemption Notice 2019 (No.1)

1. Purpose

This Notice provides an exemption from height and rear overhang dimension requirements for certain heavy vehicle while they are transporting cotton modules.

Note: This Notice replaces the Guideline for Transporting Cotton Modules in Queensland Form 16 V.4, published in March 2012 by the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads.

1. Authorising Provision

This Notice is made under section 117 of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL).

1. Title

This Notice may be cited as the *Queensland Class 3 Cotton Module Transportation Dimension Exemption Notice 2019.*

1. Commencement

This Notice commences on 10 February 2019.

1. Expiry

This Notice expires on 9 February 2024.

1. Definitions

In this Notice—

***chain bed semi-trailer*** means a semi-trailer equipped with a chain bed designed for the transport of cotton modules.

***cotton module*** means a packed and compressed cotton bale.

**Critical Area Maps** means the *Critical Areas and Roads Maps* published on the TMR website (enter *Critical Area Map* into search box).

***eligible vehicle*** means a heavy vehicle or heavy vehicle combination to which section 7 and section 8 apply.

 **TMR** means the Department of Transport and Main Roads

**Zones 1, 2 and 3** means the zones identified in the Heavy vehicle zone maps: Queensland as published on the TMR website (enter *zone maps* in search box).

1. Application – Vehicle Combinations
2. This Notice applies to the following heavy vehicle combinations when transporting cotton modules on the routes stated in this Notice:
	1. prime mover and semi-trailer combinations; and
	2. B-doubles.
3. Application - Chain bed semi-trailers constructed or modified before 1 January 2007.
4. The exemption from rear overhang requirements in s9 applies only to combinations that include chain bed type semitrailers constructed or modified before 1 January 2007.
5. This section applies and the rear overhang requirement exemption applies whether the chain bed semi-trailer is laden or unladen.
6. Exemption - Dimension requirements
7. An eligible vehicle is exempt from the following dimension requirements of Schedule 6 of the Regulation:
	1. Section 5(1): Rear overhang; and
	2. Section 8(d): Height.
8. The exemption in (1)(a) only applies to chain bed type semitrailers constructed or modified before 01 January 2007.
9. Conditions – Dimension (Height)
10. An eligible vehicle operating under this Notice must not exceed 4.6m in height.
11. Conditions – Dimension (Rear overhang)
12. Chain bed type semitrailers to which s9(2) applies may have a rear overhang up to 4.2m.
13. Conditions: Approved Routes and Travel Conditions
14. An eligible vehicle must comply with the specified route and area requirements set out in this section:

a) A prime mover semitrailer operating under this Notice may use any road within Zones 2, 3 and in the Zone 1 Shires of Esk, Fitzroy, Gatton and Laidley

b) A B-double operating under this guideline may be used on approved B-double routes within Zones 2, 3 and in the Zone 1 Shires of Esk, Fitzroy, Gatton and Laidley.

c) Approved B-double routes are set out in the multi-combination routes published on the Queensland Transport and Main Roads website.

1. Conditions: Travel Restrictions
2. The transportation of cotton modules on a vehicle is restricted to the safest direct route from the farm of origin to a cotton gin nominated by the producer of the cotton.
3. An enclosed chain bed vehicle travelling in accordance with this Notice may only travel unladen:
4. to farm sites for the purpose of loading cotton modules, or
5. for the purpose of carrying out maintenance on the trailer, or
6. for a return trip to the vehicle’s base.

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