



## Queensland Class 3 Timber Transportation Mass Exemption Notice 2023 (No.1)

### 1. Purpose

This Notice issued under the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) grants mass exemptions for heavy vehicles transporting timber from the place where it is felled to sawmills and other processing facilities. Access under this exemption is limited by conditional mass limits, conditions relating to on board mass measurement, and only applies to state-controlled roads.

*Note: This Notice replaces the former Class Permit No.147-TH-14 Mass exemption for the Transport of Log Timber (Queensland) that expires on 31 December 2022.*

### 2. Authorising Provision

- 1) This Notice is made under the following provision of the HVNL
  - a) Section 117 – Regulator’s power to exempt a category of class 1 or 3 heavy vehicles from compliance with a mass or dimension requirement

### 3. Title

This Notice may be cited as the *Queensland Class 3 Timber Transportation Mass Exemption Notice 2023 (No.1)*.

### 4. Commencement date

This Notice commences on 1 January 2023.

### 5. Expiry date

This Notice expires on 30 June 2024.

### 6. Definitions

- 1) Unless otherwise stated, words and expressions used in this Notice have the same meanings as in the HVNL and its regulations.
- 2) In this Notice;

**Timber** means log timber that is loaded at the place where the logs are felled and transported from that place directly to a timber receiver.

**Timber receiver** means a sawmill or other facility for the processing of timber.

**Road Train** has the same meaning as in the National Class 2 Road train Authorisation Notice.

## **7. Application**

- 1) This Notice applies to a class 3 heavy vehicle that is one of the following:
  - a) a rigid truck;
  - b) a combination consisting of a rigid truck towing a dog trailer;
  - c) a combination consisting of a prime mover towing a semi-trailer;
  - d) a B-double; or
  - e) a Road Train.
- 2) This Notice only applies to a vehicle specified in 1) that is transporting timber from the place where it was felled to a timber receiver.
- 3) This Notice applies in Queensland.
- 4) A heavy vehicle to which this Notice applies is an eligible vehicle.

## **8. Exemption – Prescribed mass requirements**

- 1) An eligible vehicle is exempt from the following mass requirements under Schedule 1 of the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass Dimension and Loading) National Regulation* (MDL Regulation):
  - a) section 2 – Mass limits for a single vehicle or combination
  - b) section 4 – Mass limits for a single axle or axle group
  - c) section 5 – Mass limits relating to axle spacing generally
- 2) An exemption in 1) only applies to an eligible vehicle to the extent that specific conditional mass limits are provided in sections 9 and 10 of this Notice.
- 3) If, in relation to a particular vehicle or component, this Notice provides for two or more mass limits that apply in the same circumstances the lower mass limit applies and the other mass limit must be disregarded.

## **9. Conditions – Mass (total mass of an eligible vehicle)**

An eligible vehicle may have a gross combination mass equal to the mass it would be eligible for under section 2 of Schedule 1 of the MDL Regulation, plus an additional 7.5%.

#### **10. Conditions – Mass (mass limits for types of axle groups)**

- 1) Except for the limits set out in 2), an axle group on an eligible vehicle may have a mass equal to the mass it would be eligible for under sections 4 and 5 of Schedule 1 of the MDL Regulation, plus 10%.
- 2) The mass of a steer axle must not exceed the following limits:
  - a) for a prime mover forming part of a road train on which the steer axle tyres have a section width of 375mm or more - 7.1t.
  - b) for an eligible vehicle that does not fall under a) - 6.6t.

#### **11. Conditions – Areas and routes**

- 1) For the purposes of section 119(1)(a) of the HVNL, this Notice applies to all state-controlled roads in Queensland.
- 2) An eligible vehicle operating on an area or route specified in this Notice must comply with the following conditions as specified for those routes and areas:
  - a) Road conditions pursuant to section 160 of the HVNL; and
  - b) Travel conditions pursuant to section 161 of the HVNL; and
  - c) Vehicle conditions pursuant to section 162 of the HVNL.

#### **12. Conditions – Axle group tyre requirements**

All axles on an eligible vehicle, except for the steer axle, must have a minimum of four tyres.

#### **13. Conditions – On board scales**

- 1) An eligible vehicle must be fitted with on board mass measurement scales, unless 3) applies.
- 2) On board scales used to comply with this section must be functional and accurate at all times while an eligible vehicle is operating under this Notice.
- 3) An eligible vehicle delivering timber to a timber receiver that has a certified weighbridge does not have to comply with this section.

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