



HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW

Tasmania Class 3 Heavy Vehicles Transporting High-Cube Freight Containers Dimension Exemption Notice 2023 (No.1)

1. Purpose

- 1) This Notice grants exemptions from mass and dimension requirements for a class 3 heavy combination that is transporting certain freight container.
- 2) This Notice revokes and replaces the *Tasmania Class 3 Heavy Vehicles Transporting High-Cube Freight Containers Dimension Exemption Notice 2019 (No.1)*.

2. Authorising provision

- 1) This Notice is made under the following provision of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL):
 - a) section 117 – *Regulator’s power to exempt category of class 1 or 3 heavy vehicles from compliance with mass or dimension requirement.*
 - b) section 23 of Schedule 1 – *Regulator’s power to amend or repeal instrument.*

3. Title

This exemption Notice may be cited as the *Tasmania Class 3 Heavy Vehicles Transporting High-Cube Freight Containers Dimension Exemption Notice 2023 (No.1)*.

4. Commencement date

This Notice commences on 14 June 2023.

5. Expiry date

This Notice expires on 13 June 2028.

6. Definitions

- 1) Unless otherwise stated, words and expressions used in this Notice have the same meanings as those in the HVNL and its regulations.
- 2) Definitions from the *National Class 2 B-Double Authorisation Notice* apply under this notice.
- 3) In this Notice:

High cube freight container means a freight container constructed to a height of between 2.89m and 3.45m.

7. Application

- 1) This exemption notice applies to a Class 3 heavy vehicle that meets all the requirements in this section.
- 2) This exemption notice applies to a heavy vehicle that is:
 - a) a rigid truck; or
 - b) a prime mover towing a semi-trailer; or
 - c) a B-Double.
- 3) This Notice only applies to a vehicle specified in 1) if that vehicle is transporting a high cube freight container.
- 4) This Notice applies in Tasmania.
- 5) A heavy vehicle to which this section applies and that complies with the conditions of this notice is an eligible vehicle.

8. Exemption – Prescribed dimension requirements

- 1) An eligible vehicle is exempt from the following dimension requirements under Schedule 6 of the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass Dimension and Loading) National Regulation* (MDL Regulation):
 - a) section 8 – Height
- 2) An exemption in 1) only applies to the extent that specific conditional dimension limits are provided in section 9 of this notice.
- 3) In relation to a particular vehicle or component, if this notice provides for more than one dimension limit to apply in the same circumstances, the more restrictive dimension limit applies.

9. Condition – Dimension limit (height)

An eligible vehicle must not exceed 4.5m in height.

Note: this is the height of the vehicle, including a high cube freight container.

10. Condition – stated areas or routes

- 1) An eligible vehicle complying with the conditions of this notice is authorised to operate on the areas and routes specified in this section.
- 2) An eligible vehicle that is a rigid truck or a combination consisting of a prime mover towing a semitrailer may operate on all roads in Tasmania.
- 3) An eligible vehicle that is a B-double may operate on any routes that it would otherwise be authorized to use under the Tasmanian schedule of the *National Class 2 B-Double Authorisation Notice*.
- 4) Regardless of the access granted under 2) and 3) an eligible vehicle must not exceed the height clearances specified in the *Height Clearance Under Overhead Structures Map*.

Note: The Height Clearance Under Overhead Structures Map is maintained by the Tasmanian Department of State Growth and is published on its website.
- 5) Regardless of any other condition or requirement under this notice, an eligible vehicle traveling on the Tasman Bridge must not exceed 4.3m in height.
- 6) For the purposes of section 119(1)(a) of the HVNL, an area or route specified in this section is a stated area or route to which this notice applies.
- 7) An eligible vehicle operating on an area or route specified in this section must comply with the following conditions as specified for routes and areas set out on that map:
 - 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.

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