



HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW

New South Wales Class 3 Cotton Module Chain Bed Semitrailer Combination Dimension Exemption Notice 2023 (No.1)

1. Purpose

- 1) This notice grants exemptions from height and rear overhang dimension requirements for a class 3 heavy vehicle that is transporting cotton modules on a chain bed semitrailer.
- 2) This notice revokes and replaces the *New South Wales Class 3 Cotton Module Chain Bed Semitrailer Combination 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 notice may be cited as the *New South Wales Class 3 Cotton Module Chain Bed Semitrailer Combination Dimension Exemption Notice 2023 (No.1)*.

4. Commencement date

This notice commences on 22 September 2023.

5. Expiry date

This notice expires on 21 September 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) In this notice:

Chain bed semitrailer means a semitrailer with a chain bed specifically constructed to transport cotton modules.

7. Application

- 1) This notice applies to a class 3 heavy combination consisting of a prime mover towing a chain bed semitrailer.
- 2) This notice applies in New South Wales.
- 3) 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 5 – Length (rear overhang)
 - b) 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.

9. Condition – Dimension limits

- 1) For a parameter given in column 1 of Table 1, an eligible vehicle must not exceed the dimension given in column 2.

Table 1: Maximum dimensions

Column 1	Column 2
Parameter	Maximum Dimension (m)
Length (rear overhang)	4.2
Height	4.6

10. Condition - Application of Schedule 8 of the MDL Regulation

- 1) An eligible vehicle must comply with the following section of Schedule 8 of the MDL Regulation as though it were a class 1 vehicle:
 - a) section 11 - Assessing routes

11. Condition – stated areas or routes

- 1) An eligible vehicle complying with the conditions of this notice is authorised to access all roads in a participating local government area listed in the stated routes and areas section of Appendix 1.
- 2) For the purposes of section 119(1)(a) of the HVNL, an area or route specified in a schedule is a stated area or route to which this notice applies.
- 3) An eligible vehicle operating on an area or route specified in this section must comply with the following conditions as specified for that route or area:
 - 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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Appendix 1 List of Participating Local Government Areas

For the purposes of section 11, the list of participating local government areas is:

1. Bourke Shire Council
2. Brewarrina Shire Council
3. Walgett Shire Council
4. Moree Plains Shire Council
5. Gwydir Shire Council
6. Broken Hill City Council and Un-incorporated Far West area south of Broughman's Gate Avenel, Lynray, Fowlers Gap and Gnalta
7. Central Darling Shire Council
8. Cobar Shire Council
9. Bogan Shire Council
10. Warren Shire Council
11. Coonamble Shire Council
12. Narrabri Shire Council
13. Gilgandra Shire Council
14. Warrumbungle Shire Council
15. Gunnedah Shire Council
16. Liverpool Plains Shire Council
17. Tamworth Regional Shire Council
18. Narromine Shire Council
19. Dubbo City Council
20. Lachlan Shire Council
21. Parkes Shire Council
22. Wentworth Shire Council
23. Balranald Shire Council
24. Hay Shire Council
25. Carrathool Shire Council
26. Griffith City Council
27. Bland Shire Council
28. Forbes Shire Council