



## HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW

### South Australia Class 1 Utility Pole Transportation Dimension Exemption Notice 2023 (No.1)

#### 1. Purpose

- 1) This notice grants exemptions from dimension requirements for class 1 heavy vehicles that are transporting utility poles while conducting installation or maintenance activities.
- 2) This notice revokes the *South Australia Class 1 Stobie Pole Transportation 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 *South Australia Class 1 Utility Pole Transportation Dimension Exemption Notice 2023 (No.1)*.

#### 4. Commencement date

This notice commences on 3 November 2023.

#### 5. Expiry date

This notice expires on 2 November 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:

**Guide** means *the South Australia Class 1 Utility Pole Transportation Operator's Guide*, published by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.

*Note: This notice refers to and adopts certain information published in the Guide, and the Guide operates in conjunction with this Notice.*

**SA Power Networks** means the entity trading as SA Power Networks.

**Utility pole** means an engineered pole intended for the purpose of supporting overhead electricity transmission lines, telecommunications lines, or other form of infrastructure consisting of a cable.

## 7. Application

- 1) This notice applies to a class 1 heavy vehicle that meets all the requirements in this section.
- 2) This notice applies to a prime mover and semitrailer combination that is:
  - a) carrying one or more utility poles that do not exceed 26.0m in length; and
  - b) is operated by SA Power networks, or an entity contracted to SA Power Networks; and
  - c) is being used to perform utility pole installation or maintenance.
- 3) This notice applies in South Australia.
- 4) 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 3 – Length (combination or single vehicle)
  - b) section 5 – Length (rear overhang)
- 2) An exemption in 1) only applies to the extent that specific conditional dimension limits are provided in section 9.

## 9. Condition – Dimension limits

- 1) For a parameter given in column 1 of Table 3, an eligible vehicle must not exceed the dimension given in column 2.

**Table 3: Maximum dimensions**

Column 1	Column 2
Parameter	Maximum Dimension (m)
Length (combination or single vehicle)	33.0
Length (rear overhang)	25% of the vehicle length

## 10. Condition – Alternative compliance requirements for warning devices

- 1) This section provides an alternative to complying with the requirements for warning devices contained in Section 2 of Schedule 8 of the MDL Regulation.
- 2) As an alternative means of complying with warning device requirements, an eligible vehicle may operate under the requirements in sections 3) to 6) below.
- 3) For the purposes of the alternative compliance requirements for warning devices set out in this section, pursuant to section 39(5) of the MDL Regulation the conditions in section 2 of Schedule 8 of the MDL Regulation are disappplied and the eligible vehicle must instead comply with the requirements set out in subsections 4) to 6) below.
- 4) A utility pole transported by an eligible vehicle shall be delineated with a least three sight boards as follows;
  - a) On the rear of the pole, one sight board displaying a vertical surface 750mm long and 300mm high to the sides and a vertical surface 400mm square to the rear.
  - b) Along the length of the pole, two sight boards each displaying a vertical surface of 350mm long and 400mm high to the sides
  - c) All vertical surfaces of the sight boards to display 100mm wide alternate red and yellow reflective stripes at an angle of 45 degrees.
  - d) At night or during periods of low visibility the section of pole(s) that extends past the rear of the trailer must be delineated at the end with a red stop/tail light facing to

the rear and side marker lights which display an amber light to the front and a red light to the rear. Side marker lights shall be spaced no greater than 2.0m apart.

- e) For the purpose of this notice 'a low visibility' means the same as specified in Schedule 8, section 8(1) of the MDL Regulation.
- 5) The vehicle combination must display a warning light or lights visible from all sides fixed to the highest practicable point on the vehicle.
- 6) A warning sign must be affixed to the front of the vehicle.

#### **11. Conditions - Escort requirements**

- 1) An eligible vehicle must comply with pilot and escort requirements specified in the document titled '*Escorting Guidelines for Oversize and Overmass Vehicles and Loads in South Australia*', published by the South Australia Department for Infrastructure and Transport.
- 2) If the rear overhang of a prime mover and trailer combination exceeds 5.5m, then a rear pilot must accompany the load.

#### **12. Condition – Stated areas or routes**

- 1) An eligible vehicle complying with the conditions of this notice is authorised to operate on all roads in South Australia, subject to conditions elsewhere in this section.
- 2) An eligible vehicle must comply with any restrictions or conditions set out in the *Stated Areas and Routes* section of the Guide.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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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