



HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW

New South Wales and Victoria Class 3 Long Livestock Semitrailer Deck Length Exemption Notice 2024 (No.1)

1. Purpose

This notice grants exemptions from dimension requirements for a class 3 heavy vehicle that includes a semi-trailer used to transport livestock.

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 *New South Wales and Victoria Class 3 Long Livestock Semitrailer Deck Length Exemption Notice 2024 (No.1)*.

4. Commencement date

This notice commences on 10 February 2024.

5. Expiry date

This notice expires on 9 February 2029.

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 *New South Wales and Victoria Class 3 Long Livestock Semitrailer Deck Length Operator's Guide* published by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator, and as amended from time to time.

7. Application

- 1) This exemption notice applies to a class 3 heavy vehicle consisting of a prime mover and a semitrailer, where the semitrailer is used for carrying cattle, pigs, sheep or goats.
- 2) This notice applies in the following participating jurisdictions:
 - a) New South Wales; and
 - b) Victoria.
- 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 4(6) – Length of trailers
 - b) section 4(10)(c) – Requirement to otherwise comply dimensionally

9. Condition – Dimension (Trailer deck length)

The length of the deck of a semitrailer on an eligible vehicle must not exceed 14.6m.

10. Conditions – Decks

- 1) The semitrailer must not have more than two decks.
- 2) The semitrailer must not carry cattle on more than one deck.
- 3) The lower deck of the semitrailer must be fully loaded before the upper deck is used.

11. Conditions – Areas and routes

- 1) An eligible vehicle complying with the conditions of this Notice is authorised to operate on all roads in a participating jurisdiction, subject to any stated area or route conditions set out in the guide.
- 2) For the purposes of section 119(1)(a) of the HVNL, an area or route specified in 1) is a stated area or route to which this Notice applies.

12. Conditions – New South Wales

- 1) The conditions in this section apply only in New South Wales.
- 2) The distance from the lowest deck of the semitrailer to the top of the semitrailer must not exceed 2.1m.
- 3) An eligible vehicle operating in New South Wales must not exceed 4.3m in height.

13. Conditions – Victoria

- 1) The conditions in this section apply only in Victoria.
- 2) An eligible vehicle must not exceed 3.9m in height.
- 3) The prime mover of an eligible vehicle must have three axles.
- 4) The semitrailer must have a tri-axle group.

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