

Roads and Maritime Services
Class 1 Agricultural Vehicles Notice 2012

I, Peter Duncan, Chief Executive, Roads and Maritime Services, pursuant to Clause 12 of the Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005 (the "Regulation"), exempt vehicles to which this Notice applies from the mass and dimension requirements prescribed in Schedule 1 to the Regulation, subject to the conditions set out in the Schedule to this Notice.

Peter Duncan
Chief Executive
Roads and Maritime Services

Schedule

Explanatory Note

This Notice replaces the General Class 1 Oversize (Agricultural Vehicles) Notice 2007, that was published on 3 August 2007 in NSW Government Gazette No. 98 at pages 5463 - 5508 and all amendments made to that Notice.

PART 1 – PRELIMINARY

1.1 Citation

This Notice is the *Class 1 Agricultural Vehicles Notice 2012*.

1.2 Commencement

This Notice has effect on and from 1 August 2012.

1.3 Effect

This Notice remains in force up to and including 31 July 2017 unless it is repealed earlier.

1.4 Interpretation

1.4.1 Unless stated otherwise in this Notice, words and expressions used in this Notice have the same meaning as those defined in the *Road Transport (General) Act 2005*.

1.4.2 Unless otherwise stated notes and diagrams in this Notice do not form part of the Notice.

PART 2 – APPLICATION OF NOTICE

2.1. Vehicles this Notice Applies to

2.1.1 This Notice applies to a heavy vehicle or a heavy combination which is an:

- (a) agricultural machine, or
- (b) agricultural implement, or
- (c) agricultural combination,

that together with any load exceeds a mass or dimension limit as prescribed in Schedule 1 of the Regulation or the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007.

2.2 Vehicles this Notice Does Not Apply to

2.2.1 This Notice does not apply to:

- (a) A special purpose vehicle.
- (b) A vehicle or combination (including a low loader or load platform combination) that is specially designed for the carriage of a large indivisible item or is carrying a large indivisible item.
- (c) A road train or a B-double.

PART 3 – DIMENSION

3.1 Dimension Limits

3.1.1 Subject to clause 5.2 of this Notice, a vehicle operating under this Notice must not exceed the dimension limits prescribed in Schedule 2 to the Regulation as set out in Table 1 of this Notice.

3.1.2 Except where provided in Table 1 of this Notice, a vehicle must comply with the dimension limits specified in the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007.

Note: Any flags, lights or mirrors required on a vehicle, combination or load must be disregarded when measuring the dimensions of a vehicle or combination for the purposes of this Notice.

Table 1: Maximum Overall Dimension Limits

Vehicle	Height (metres)	Width (metres)	Length (metres)	Rear Overhang Limit (metres)
Agricultural machine (single vehicle) travelling in the NSW Eastern or NSW Urban Zone	4.6	5.0	12.5	4.5
Agricultural machine (single vehicle) travelling in the NSW Western Zone	4.6	6.0	12.5	4.5
Agricultural combination travelling in the Eastern or NSW Urban Zone	4.6	5.0	25.0	4.5
Agricultural combination travelling in the NSW Western Zone	4.6	6.0	25.0	4.5

PART 4 – MASS

4.1. Mass limits

4.1.1 Subject to 4.1.2 a vehicle operating under this Notice with 2 axles, must not exceed the axle mass limits specified in Table 2 of this Notice.

Table 2 Mass Limits

Number of tyres on an axle	Mass limit (tonnes)
Axle fitted with 2 tyres	9.0
Axle fitted with 4 tyres and a ground contact width less than 2.51 m	9.0
Axle fitted with 4 tyres and a ground contact width at least 2.51 m but not more than 3.5 m	10.5
Axle fitted with 4 tyres and a ground contact width more than 3.5 m	12.0

4.1.2 the total mass of a vehicle and any load must not exceed the vehicle's GVM; and

4.1.3 the wheel load or axle load must not exceed the limit set by its manufacturer.

- 4.1.4 The mass on an axle group or single axle must not exceed the relevant limit set by the Regulation if it is:
- (a) not described in Table 2, or
 - (b) on a agricultural vehicle or combination except one described in Clause 2.1.1

4.2 Mass limits relating to tyre width

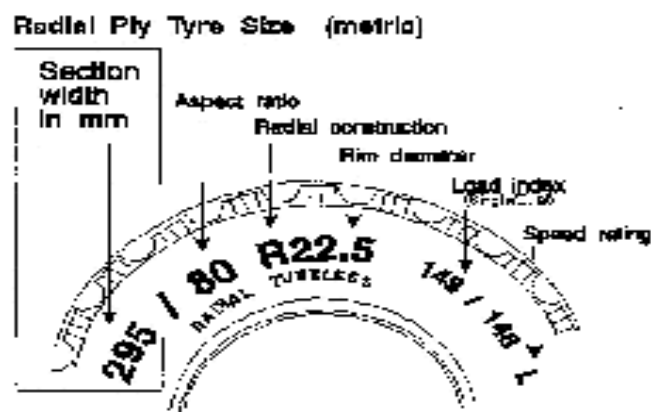
- 4.2.1 In order to travel at the mass limits identified in Table 2, the applicable tyre width limit in Table 3 and Table 4 must be met.
- 4.2.2 Notwithstanding axle mass limits set out in Table 3 and Table 4, the steer axle mass must not exceed the steer axle mass set out in Table 2.
- 4.2.3 The mass on an axle fitted with tyres of a number and width described in Table 3 must not exceed the mass limit specified in Table 3 for that axle in relation to the narrowest tyre on the axle.

Table 3

Tyre width of the narrowest tyre on the axle (mm)		Mass limit if the axle has 2 tyres (tonnes)	Mass limit if the axle has 4 tyres (tonnes)
at least	but less than		
190	228	4.5	9.0
228	254	5.0	9.5
254	279	6.0	10.0
279	305	6.5	11.0
305	330	7.0	12.0
330	356	7.5	13.0
356	381	8.0	14.0
381	406	9.0	14.0
406	458	10.0	14.0
458	508	11.0	14.0
508		12.0	14.0

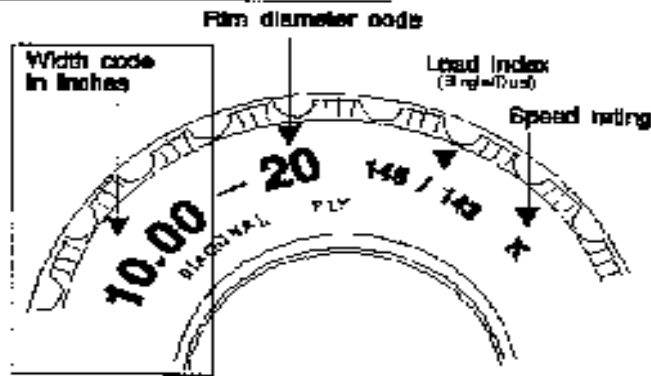
Note:

For the purpose of Tables 3, the tyre width of a radial ply tyre is the number of millimetres marked on the tyre in the position labelled “Section width in mm” on the diagram below.



For the purpose of Table 3 and Table 4, the tyre width of a bias-type tyre is the number of millimetres equal to 25.4 times the number marked on the tyre in the position labelled “Width code in inches” on the diagram below.

Bias Ply Tyre Size (code)



If no section width or width code is marked on a tyre, the tyre width may be determined by measuring the width of the part of the tyre that normally comes into contact with the road surface.

Part 5 MISCELLANEOUS

- 5.1.1 A copy of this Notice (excluding the APPENDICES), must be carried in the driving compartment whenever the vehicle is operating under this Notice and must be produced when the driver is requested to do so by a police officer or an authorised officer.
- 5.1.2 A vehicle operating under this Notice must comply with the conditions set out in Appendix 1 of this Notice.

5.2 Approved Routes and Areas

- 5.2.1 An Oversize vehicle must only operate on an approved route or zone, as set out in Appendix 2 of this Notice and in accordance with any applicable travel conditions.
- 5.2.2 Notwithstanding the dimension limits set out in the Notice, travel on or through a limited access location is not permitted if the vehicle exceeds one or more of the limits that applies to a Limited Access Location as set out in Appendix 2 of this Notice.
- 5.2.3 In addition to clause 5.2.1, a vehicle that exceeds 4.3 metres, but not 4.6 metres in height must only be operated on routes approved for 4.6 metre high vehicles as set out in the 4.6 Metre High Vehicle Notice 2008.
- 5.2.4 An Overmass vehicle is not permitted to travel on:
- mass restricted bridges set out in Appendix 2 of this Notice; or
 - on any road or bridge that has a mass limit imposed under Section 28 of the *Road Transport (General) Act 2005*
- 5.2.5 Overmass and Oversize vehicles operating under this Notice must:
- only be operated in or on an approved travel zone or route as set out in Appendix 2 and in accordance with travel conditions that apply to a route or zone as set out in Appendix 2; and
 - comply with Clause 5.2.2; and
 - operate in accordance with Clause 5.2.3 if the vehicle exceeds 4.3 metres in height; and
 - must not operate on:
 - A mass restricted bridge set out in Appendix 2 of this Notice; or
 - Any road or bridge that has a mass limit imposed under Section 28 of the *Road Transport (General) Act 2005*.

END OF NOTICE