

# ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1961

## SUPPLEMENTARY NOTICE OF APPROVAL & EXEMPTION

*Pursuant to Sections 161A and 163AA of the Road Traffic Act 1961*

### MASS LIMIT VARIATION FOR HEAVY VEHICLES TRANSPORTING GRAIN FROM THE FARM GATE TO GRAIN RECEIVER

#### Information Note

This Notice varies the mass limit applying to Heavy Vehicles that are operating under the Mass Management module of the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS) at Concessional Mass Limits or Higher Mass Limits under specified Primary Notices while transporting grain direct from the farm to the grain receiver.

#### 1 APPROVAL

In accordance with the powers delegated to me by the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure under section 161A of the *Road Traffic Act 1961*, I hereby approve heavy vehicles operating under the Mass Management module of the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS) and operating in accordance with a 'Primary Notice' as defined, to operate as specified in, and subject to the conditions and limitations specified in this Supplementary Notice.

#### 2 EXEMPTION

2.1 In accordance with the powers delegated to me by the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure under Section 163AA of the *Road Traffic Act 1961*, I hereby exempt heavy vehicles operating under the Mass Management module of the NHVAS and operating in accordance with a 'Primary Notice' from the following provisions of the Primary Notices and Codes of Practice, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in this Supplementary Notice:

2.1.1 Conditions 4.1.4.1 and 4.1.4.3 of the Notice, titled '*Higher Mass Limits for Vehicles Fitted with Road Friendly Suspension*' published in the South Australian Government Gazette, dated 16 June 2011;

2.1.2 Conditions 4.1, 4.3 and 4.4 of the Notice, titled '*Concessional Mass Limits for Vehicles Accredited in the Mass Management module of the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS)*' published in the South Australian Government Gazette, dated 29 June 2006;

2.1.3 Clauses 29.1 and 29.2 of the Document titled '*Code of Practice for B-Doubles*' published by DPTI, dated June 2011;

2.1.4 Clauses 36.1 and 36.2 of the Document titled '*Code of Practice for Road Trains*' published by DPTI, dated August 2011.

#### 3 CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS APPLYING TO THIS SUPPLEMENTARY NOTICE

3.1 Subject to this Supplementary Notice, the vehicle or combination must operate in accordance with the appropriate 'Primary Notice' as defined in Clause 4 below.

3.2 The vehicle or combination must be transporting grain direct from the farm gate to the grain receiver.

3.3 The vehicle or combination must be operating under the Mass Management module of the NHVAS.

3.4 Subject to Condition 3.5, the vehicle or combination must be operating in accordance with the conditions for operation at Concessional Mass Limits or Higher Mass Limits as imposed by the Primary Notice and only where these limits are permitted on the approved route network.

3.5 The mass limit for the vehicle or combination must be less than 105% of the 'Normal Mass Limit'.

- 3.6 The mass limit of less than 105% of the 'Normal Mass Limit' allowed under this Notice only applies to the first and second load carried on the vehicle or combination from a given paddock on a given day.
- 3.7 If the first load carried on the vehicle or combination from a given paddock on a given day is more than 100% of the 'Normal Mass Limit', the mass of the second load carried by the same vehicle or combination from the same paddock on the same day must be lower than the first load.

#### **Information Notes**

- **Commodity Routes are not approved for Higher Mass Limits operation.**
- **Mass of 105% or more is a substantial risk breach and is not covered by this Notice.**

#### **4 DEFINITIONS**

In this Notice:

- 4.1 'Primary Notice' means one of the following Notices of Approval and Exemption under which the vehicle or combination is operating:
- 4.1.1 *Higher Mass Limits for Vehicles Fitted with Road Friendly Suspension* published in the South Australian Government Gazette, dated 16 June 2011; or
- 4.1.2 *Concessional Mass Limits for Vehicles Accredited in the Mass Management module of the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS)* published in the South Australian Government Gazette, dated 29 June 2006; or
- 4.1.3 *Operation of B-Double Vehicles up to 25m in Length* published in the South Australian Government Gazette, dated 16 June 2011; or
- 4.1.4 *Operation of Road Train Vehicles in South Australia* published in the South Australian Government Gazette, dated 18 August 2011
- 4.2 'Supplementary Notice' means this Supplementary Notice for the increase of the mass limit for a vehicle or combination transporting grain from the farm gate to the grain receiver.
- 4.3 'Farm Gate' means the point at which the vehicle or combination leaves the farmer's property where the grain was harvested and enters the approved route network.
- 4.4 'Grain Receiver' means the place that the grain is delivered to directly from the farm.
- 4.5 'Code of Practice' means a Code of Practice issued by the Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and referred to in a Primary Notice and in Clause 2.1 above.
- 4.6 'Normal Mass Limit' means the mass limit that would, but for the operation of this Supplementary Notice, apply to the vehicle or combination when operating under the Primary Notice.

#### **5 COMMENCEMENT OF THIS NOTICE**

This Supplementary Notice is valid from 12.01am on 1 June 2012.

#### **6 EXPIRATION OF THIS NOTICE**

This Supplementary Notice expires at midnight on 31 June 2015.

#### **7 AUTHORISATION**

MARK ELFORD  
Director, Road Transport Policy and Planning  
Department of Planning, Transport & Infrastructure  
Delegate for the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure