

# ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1961

## NOTICE OF APPROVAL AND EXEMPTION

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

### OPERATION OF ROAD TRAIN VEHICLES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

#### 1 REVOCATION OF PREVIOUS NOTICE AND OTHER EXEMPTION INSTRUMENTS

I hereby revoke the Notice of Approval and Exemption, titled “*Operation of Road Train Vehicles in South Australia*” published in the South Australian Government Gazette on 16 June 2011.

#### 2 APPROVAL

2.1. Pursuant to Section 161A of the *Road Traffic Act 1961*, I hereby approve Road Trains to operate on Approved Routes subject to the conditions and limitations specified in this Notice.

#### 3 EXEMPTION

3.1. In accordance with the powers delegated to me by the Minister for Transport, under Section 163AA of the *Road Traffic Act 1961*, I hereby exempt Road Trains from the following provisions of the:

3.1.1 *Road Traffic (Mass and Loading Requirements) Regulations 1999* Schedule 1, Table 1, in so far as it relates to:

- (i) tandem axle group fitted with dual tyres (8 tyres - for any vehicle other than a pig trailer 16.5 tonnes); and
- (ii) triaxle group fitted with dual tyres (12 tyres - for any vehicle other than a pig trailer 20 tonnes); and

3.1.2 *Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Rules 1999* Rule 66 (1) – Width, (2.5 metres).

3.1.3 *Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Rules 1999* Rule 72 (1) – Height, (4.3 metres).

3.1.4 *Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Rules 1999* Rule 169 (c) – Coupling Height.

3.2. This exemption is subject to the conditions and limitations specified in this Notice.

#### 4 CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS APPLYING TO THIS NOTICE

4.1. When you are operating under this Notice you must:

4.1.1 Operate at all times in accordance with the conditions and limitations specified in the “Code of Practice for Road Trains”, dated August 2011, issued by the DTEI.

4.1.2 Not exceed the lesser of 40km/h or the posted limit within the following localities;

- i. a 50 or 60km/h limit zone in Caltowie;
- ii. a 50 or 60km/h limit zone in Gladstone;
- iii. a 50 or 60km/h limit zone in Jamestown;
- iv. a 50 or 60km/h limit zone in Orroroo;
- v. a 50 or 60km/h limit zone in Peterborough;
- vi. a 50 or 60km/h limit zone in Port Augusta;
- vii. a 50 or 60km/h limit zone in Port Pirie;
- viii. a 50 or 60km/h limit zone in Whyalla;
- ix. a 50 or 60km/h limit zone in Yongala;
- x. within 200m of the Peterborough - Mannanarie Road junction.

4.1.3 If operating at General Mass Limits, only operate on the approved route network(s) published via the DTEI RAVnet online mapping system or PDF maps published via the DTEI website titled ‘*Route Network for Road Trains General Mass Limits*’ and in accordance with any conditions and limitations specified for those routes.

4.1.4 If operating at Higher Mass Limits, only operate on the approved route network(s) published via the DTEI RAVnet online mapping system or PDF maps published via the DTEI website titled ‘*Route Network for Road Trains Higher Mass Limits*’ and in accordance with any conditions and limitations specified for those routes.

4.1.5 If operating as a prime mover and semi trailer towing a converter dolly at General Mass Limits, only operate on the approved route network(s) published via the DTEI RAVnet online mapping system or PDF maps published via the DTEI website titled ‘*Converter Dolly Route Network General Mass Limits*’ and in accordance with any conditions and limitations specified for the routes.

- 4.1.6 If operating as a prime mover and semi trailer towing a converter dolly at Higher Mass Limits, only operate on the approved route network(s) published via the DTEI RAVnet online mapping system or PDF maps published via the DTEI website titled '*Converter Dolly Route Network Higher Mass Limits*' and in accordance with any conditions and limitations specified for those routes.
- 4.1.7 If carrying a defined commodity, operate at General Mass Limits on the approved route network(s) published via the DTEI RAVnet online mapping system or PDF maps published via the DTEI website titled '*Commodity Routes for Road Trains*' and in accordance with any conditions and limitations specified for those routes.
- 4.1.8 When operating under this Notice you must immediately prior to any journey and using the applicable current approved Road Train route network(s) published via the DTEI RAVnet online mapping system or PDF maps published via the DTEI website, determine the entire approved route being travelled/operated on during the particular journey.
- 4.1.9 If operating a Road Train accredited under the Mass Management Module of the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme in a State or Territory other than South Australia at Higher Mass Limits but not operating under the IAP, complete and sign a Route Compliance Certificate for the journey being undertaken.
- 4.1.10 Carry at all times a legible, current and complete copy of:
- (i) a current driver medical certificate where you are required to undergo and pass a medical examination; and
  - (ii) if operating at Higher Mass Limits but not operating under the IAP, a completed Route Compliance Certificate.
- 4.1.11 Produce any or all of the documents indicated in 4.1.10 above when requested by a DTEI Authorised Officer appointed under the *Road Traffic Act 1961* or a Police Officer.
- 4.1.12 From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011, when operating under this Notice, you must carry a legible, current and complete copy of this Notice either in hardcopy or in an electronic format so that it can be read from a device having a visual display (e.g. smart phone, tablet or laptop PC, in vehicle unit) that is carried within the vehicle and that is accessible, to a DTEI Authorised Officer appointed under the *Road Traffic Act 1961* or a Police Officer, from outside the vehicle.

#### **Information Note**

Operators of Restricted Access Vehicles operating under IAP are not required to complete and carry a Route Compliance Certificate

The PDF Maps are currently available on DTEI's website at this time, however RAVNet will replace this existing system and eventually PDF maps will no longer be made available.

The regulation setting speed limits specific to Road Trains has been varied to change the maximum speed limit for Road Trains on the Eyre Highway and the Stuart Highway. That variation came into effect on 1 August 2011. As a result, the **maximum** speed limit for Road Trains in South Australia is:

- 100kph for a length of road comprising any part of the Eyre Highway that is generally west of Port Augusta
- 100kph for a length of road comprising any part of the Stuart Highway that is generally north of Port Augusta
- 90kph for any other length of road

Road Trains still need to comply with any applicable lower speed limits.

## **5 DEFINITIONS**

5.1 For the purposes of this Notice:

5.1.1 A 'Road Train' is a vehicle combination consisting of a prime mover towing:

- (i) a semi trailer and a converter dolly; or
- (ii) two trailers, where a converter dolly supporting a semi trailer is counted as a single trailer (double road train); or
- (iii) two trailers as described above (double road train) and an additional converter dolly (considered to be a triple road train); or

- (iv) three trailers, where a converter dolly supporting a semi trailer is counted as a single trailer (triple road train).
- 5.1.2 'Approved Intelligent Transport System' means an intelligent transport system approved for the purposes of the IAP by Transport Certification Australia Limited (TCA).
- 5.1.3 'Approved Routes' are roads that the Minister for Transport (or the Minister's Delegate) has approved for the operation of Road Trains in accordance with section 161A of the *Road Traffic Act 1961*.
- 5.1.4 'DTEI' means the South Australian Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure.
- 5.1.5 'Intelligent Access Program' (IAP) means a program to allow heavy vehicles to have access, or improved access, to the road network in return for monitoring, by an approved intelligent transport system of their compliance with specified access conditions.
- 5.1.6 'Route Compliance Certificate' means the DTEI *Higher Mass Limit Route Compliance Certificate* as available on the DTEI website.

## **6 COMMENCEMENT OF THIS NOTICE**

- 6.1. This Notice is valid from 12.01 am on 19 August 2011.

## **7 AUTHORISATION**

BRIAN E HEMMING  
Director, Transport Safety Regulation  
for and on behalf of the  
Executive Director, Safety and Regulation Division  
Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure  
Authorised Delegate for the Minister for Transport