

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1961

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

OPERATION OF RIGID TRUCK AND DOG TRAILER COMBINATIONS UP TO 23M IN LENGTH

1. REVOCATION OF PREVIOUS NOTICE

I hereby revoke the Notice of Approval and Exemption titled '*Operation of Rigid Truck and Dog Trailer Combinations up to 23m in Length*' published in the South Australian Government Gazette, dated 7 March 2002.

2. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Notice:

- 2.1 A 'Rigid Truck and Dog Trailer' means a rigid motor vehicle towing a trailer (which includes a trailer consisting of a semi-trailer and a convertor dolly) where the trailer has;
 - 2.1.1 a single axle or tandem axle group at the front that is steered by connection to the towing vehicle by means of a drawbar; and
 - 2.1.2 has either a single axle, tandem axle group or triaxle group at the rear
- 2.2 'DTEI' means the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure
- 2.3 'National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme' (NHVAS) means the comprehensive accreditation package developed by the then National Road Transport Commission (now known as National Transport Commission (NTC)) and approved by the Australian Transport Council on 14 November 1997.
- 2.4 'Maintenance Management Accreditation Scheme' means a scheme that is recognised by DTEI as meeting the requirement of the maintenance management module (including audit requirements) of the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme (NHVAS).
- 2.5 A 'valid National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Maintenance Module label' means a label:
 - 2.5.1 issued to a scheme member (whose accreditation status has not been suspended or cancelled); and
 - 2.5.2 that is legible and displayed on the nominated vehicle for which the label was originally issued by the accrediting authority.

3. APPROVAL

- 3.1 Pursuant to Section 161A of the *Road Traffic Act 1961* I hereby approve rigid truck and dog trailer combinations up to an overall length not exceeding 23 metres, to operate on approved routes subject to the conditions and limitations specified in this Notice.

4. EXEMPTION

- 4.1 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 rigid truck and dog trailer combinations up to an overall length not exceeding 23 metres from the following provision of the
 - 4.1.1 *Road Traffic (Mass and Loading Requirements) Regulations 1999*:
 - (i) Schedule 1, Part 1, Regulation 4 (1) and (2) – Mass limits for combinations
 - 4.1.2 *Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Rules 1999*:
 - (i) Rule 69 (1)(d) - Length of combination
- 4.2 Subject to the conditions and limitations specified in this Notice.

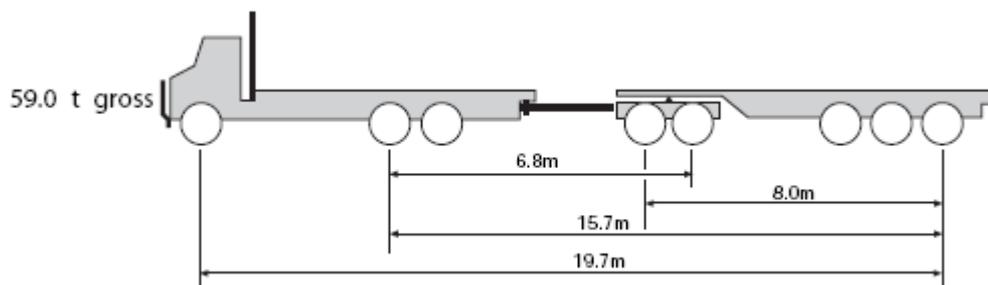
5. CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS APPLYING TO THIS NOTICE

5.1 Axle Spacing Requirements

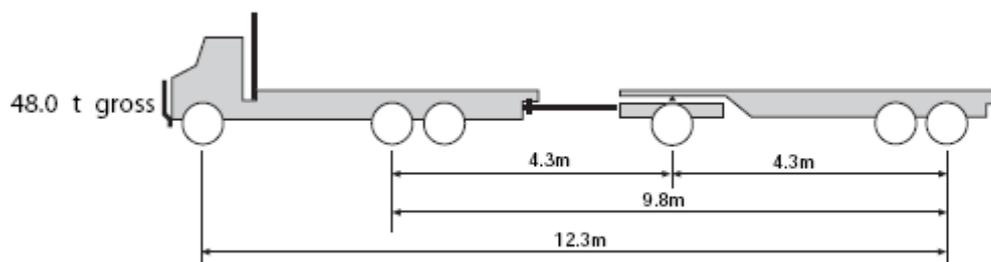
- 5.1.1 All combinations shall comply with the axle spacing requirements shown in the configurations (1-2) for the respective combination.

Note: Except where stated otherwise, all dimension limits shall be equal to or greater than those specified.

5.2 Vehicle Configuration and Mass Limits



Configuration (1)



Configuration (2)

- 5.2.1 Rigid truck and dog trailer combinations can operate up to 59.0 tonnes Gross Combination Mass subject to compliance with all other requirements
- 5.2.2 Rigid truck and dog trailer combinations shall not exceed a speed of 80 km/h or any posted speed limit whichever is the lesser.
- 5.2.3 Rigid truck and dog trailer combinations shall comply with the statutory axle mass limits as set out in the *Road Traffic Act 1961* and regulations made thereunder.

5.3 Registration Categories

Table 1

Vehicle Configuration		
Truck Trailer Combination	3 axle truck hauling one trailer (combination 6 axle maximum)	SR3
Truck Trailer Combination	3 axle truck hauling one trailer (more than 6 axles)	MR3

Note: A charge code is displayed on the truck registration certificate and registration label.

5.4 Routes

- 5.4.1 Rigid Truck and Dog Trailer Combinations up to 23 metres in length can 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 Rigid Truck and Dog Trailer Combinations up to 23m in Length*' and in accordance with any conditions and limitations specified for those routes.
- 5.4.2 When operating under this Notice you must immediately prior to any journey and using the applicable current approved Rigid Truck and Dog Trailer 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.

Information Note

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.

5.5 Turning Requirements

Continuous arrows indicate that you must, wherever practicable, turn your vehicle in the direction shown. Broken arrows indicate that you can only turn in the direction shown if it is impracticable to do otherwise, and only if it is safe to do so.

5.5.1 Intersection and junctions

When you are turning:

- right from a one-way road, you must approach the intersection or junction as near as practicable to the right boundary of the one-way road (Fig 1);
- right into a one-way road, you must enter as near as practicable to the right boundary of the one-way road (Fig 2);
- left from a two-way road into a two-way road, you must keep as close as practicable to the left kerb (Fig 3).

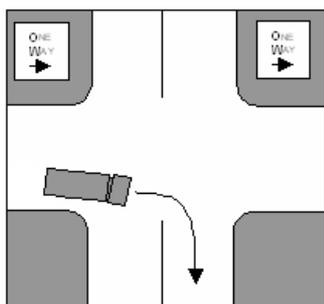


Fig 1

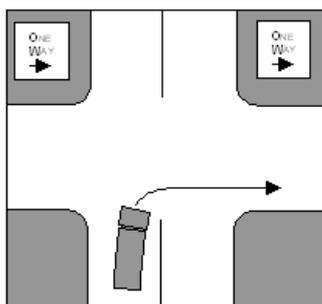


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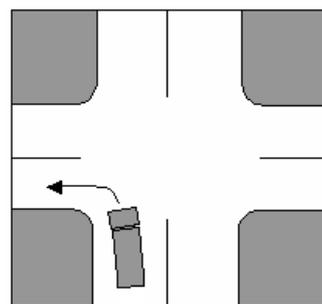


Fig 3

5.5.2 Laned roads

When you are travelling on a laned road where turning arrows are marked you must:

- turn only in the direction of the arrows marked on the road (Fig. 4);
- turn only in the direction of the marked arrows and enter the corresponding lane of the other road (Fig. 5).

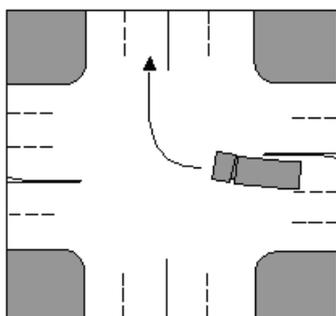


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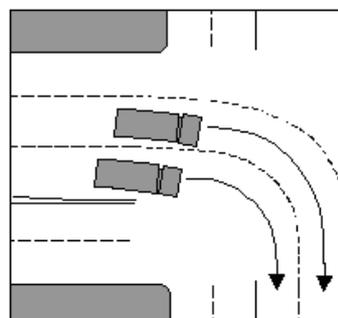


Fig 5

When you are travelling on a laned road and turning lanes are provided as an extension of lane lines, you must keep the vehicle combination in the turning lane while you are turning (Fig. 5).

When you are travelling on a laned road and you are turning right from a two-way road into a two-way road, you must not obstruct traffic coming from the opposite direction.

When you are travelling on a laned road where turning arrows are not marked, and you are turning:

- right from a laned road, you must begin your turn from the lane that is just to the left of the centre of the road (Fig. 6);
- right into a laned road, you must where practicable, enter the lane nearest to the centre of the road (Fig.6);
- left from a laned road, you must begin your turn from the left-hand lane that is as near as practicable to the left side of the road (Fig 7). Alternatively, if your vehicle displays a "DO NOT OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE" sign, you can turn from a marked lane next to the left lane (Fig 7a).

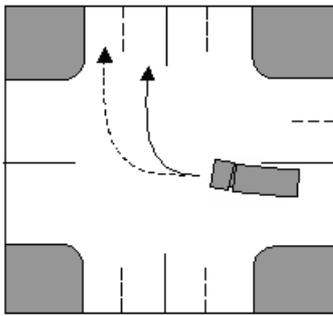


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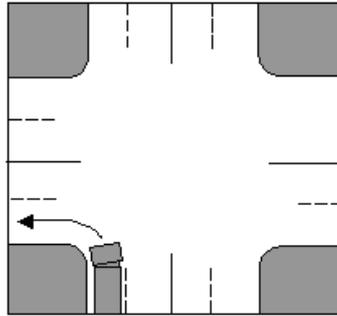


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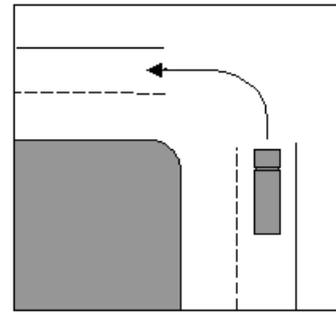


Fig 7a

5.5.3 Unlaned roads

When you are travelling on an unlaned road and you are turning right from a two-way road into a two-way road you must, where practicable (Fig 8):

- approach the intersection or junction to the left of and parallel to the centre of the road;
- pass to the right of the centre of the intersection;
- enter the other road just left of the centre.

When you are travelling on an unlaned road and you are turning right from a two-way road into a two-way road, you must not obstruct traffic coming from the opposite direction.

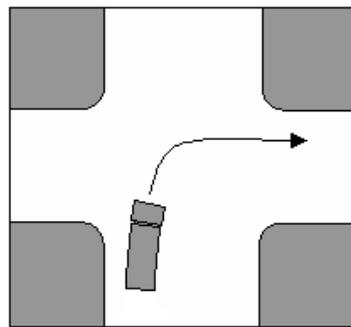


Fig 8

5.5.4 Driveways and depots

You must not reverse your vehicle into or out of roadways or depots.

When you are operating on a laned road and turning:

- left into a depot, you must turn from the left lane (Fig 9). Alternatively, if your vehicle displays a "DO NOT OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE" sign, you can turn from a marked lane next to the left lane (Fig 9a);
- right into a depot, you must turn from the lane that is nearest to the centre of the road (Fig 9);
- left out of a depot, you must, where practicable, enter the lane that is nearest the left kerb (Fig 10);
- right out of a depot, you must, where practicable, enter the lane that is nearest the centre of the road (Fig 10).

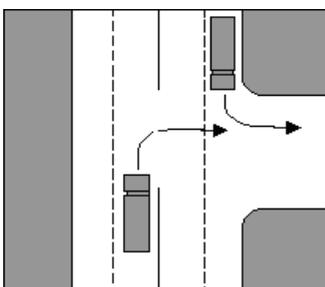


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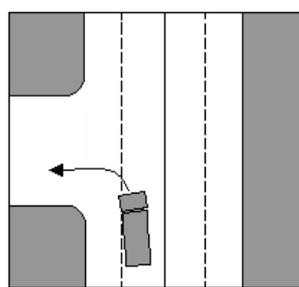


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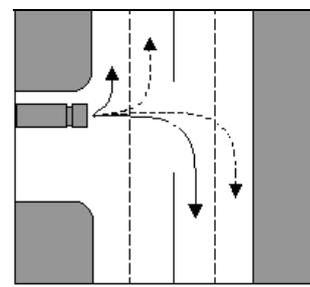


Fig 10

When you are operating on an unlaned road and turning:

- a. left into and/or out of a depot, you must keep as near as practicable to the left kerb (Fig. 11);
- b. right into a depot, you must approach the entrance to the left of, parallel to and as near as practicable to the centre of the road (Fig. 12);
- c. right out of a depot, you must enter the road by moving to the left of the centre of the road (Fig.12).

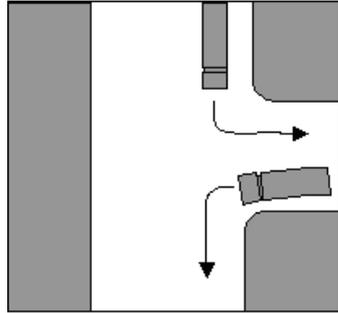


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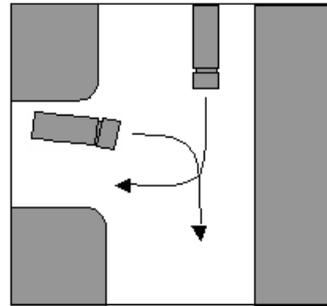


Fig 12

5.6 General Conditions

5.6.2 The conditions set out in this Notice apply to the vehicles, loads and routes specified, and does not relieve the responsibility that you have as the owner, operator or driver to comply with the *Road Traffic Act 1961* and Rule and Regulations and Local Government by-laws.

5.6.3 The conditions set out in this notice may be overridden by a limitation fixed at any time on a bridge, culvert, causeway road or road ferry.

Note: Persons operating under the provisions of this Notice are advised that some parts of the road system bridges, overhead services and wires, roadside furniture (signs, traffic lights etc) and vegetation may not allow sufficient clearance for the passage of a vehicle and load at the dimensions permitted by this Notice.

Note: Section 107 of the *Road Traffic Act 1961 (Damage to Road Infrastructure)* requires you to notify the Police, DTEI or local Council if you cause damage to roads, bridges and culverts or if you interfere with roadside furniture through unreasonable use. If you cause anything to fall on the road that may hinder or injure other road users (traffic signs, tree branches etc) Australian Road Rule 293 requires you to remove it or take action to have it removed.

5.6.4 The vehicle shall not be driven or loaded in excess of the manufacturer's rating for axle, tyre, and coupling capacity, or in excess of the manufacturer's gross vehicle mass (GVM) and/or gross combination mass (GCM) ratings.

5.6.5 South Australian registered vehicles shall not exceed the GVM and/or GCM as shown on the certificate of registration for that vehicle.

5.6.6 Vehicles registered in other states and territories shall either comply with the requirements of clause 5.5.3 of this Notice or shall not exceed the gross vehicle mass, gross trailer mass or gross combination mass as shown on the certificate of registration for that vehicle.

5.6.7 All South Australian registered vehicle units operating under this Notice must either:

- (i) operate under an approved Maintenance Management Scheme - each vehicle unit is required to show a label that clearly states accreditation and scheme membership;
- or
- (ii) complete an annual inspection - each vehicle unit must then show the appropriate current DTEI inspection label that clearly states:
 - a) the type of vehicle configuration; and
 - b) the inspection expiry date (month and year).

- 5.6.8 Vehicles registered in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia and Australian Capital Territory must comply with specified inspection and accreditation requirements of their home state or territory.
- 5.6.9 Vehicles registered in the Northern Territory must display either current South Australian inspection labels or current Northern Territory inspection and rating labels in accordance with the Mutual Recognition Agreement between South Australia and Northern Territory or be accredited under an approved Maintenance Management Scheme and display a valid National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Maintenance Module labels.
- 5.6.10 Except as otherwise specified in this Notice, the standard form conditions prescribed in the *Road Traffic (Oversize or Overmass Vehicle Exemptions) Regulations 1999* for the purposes of section 115 of the Act, shall not apply.
- 5.6.11 This Notice can stand alone or can be read in conjunction with an individual permit issued by DTEI.
- 5.6.12 From 1st July 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.

6. COMMENCEMENT OF THIS NOTICE

- 6.1 This Notice is valid from 12:01am on 17 June 2011.

7. AUTHORISATION

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