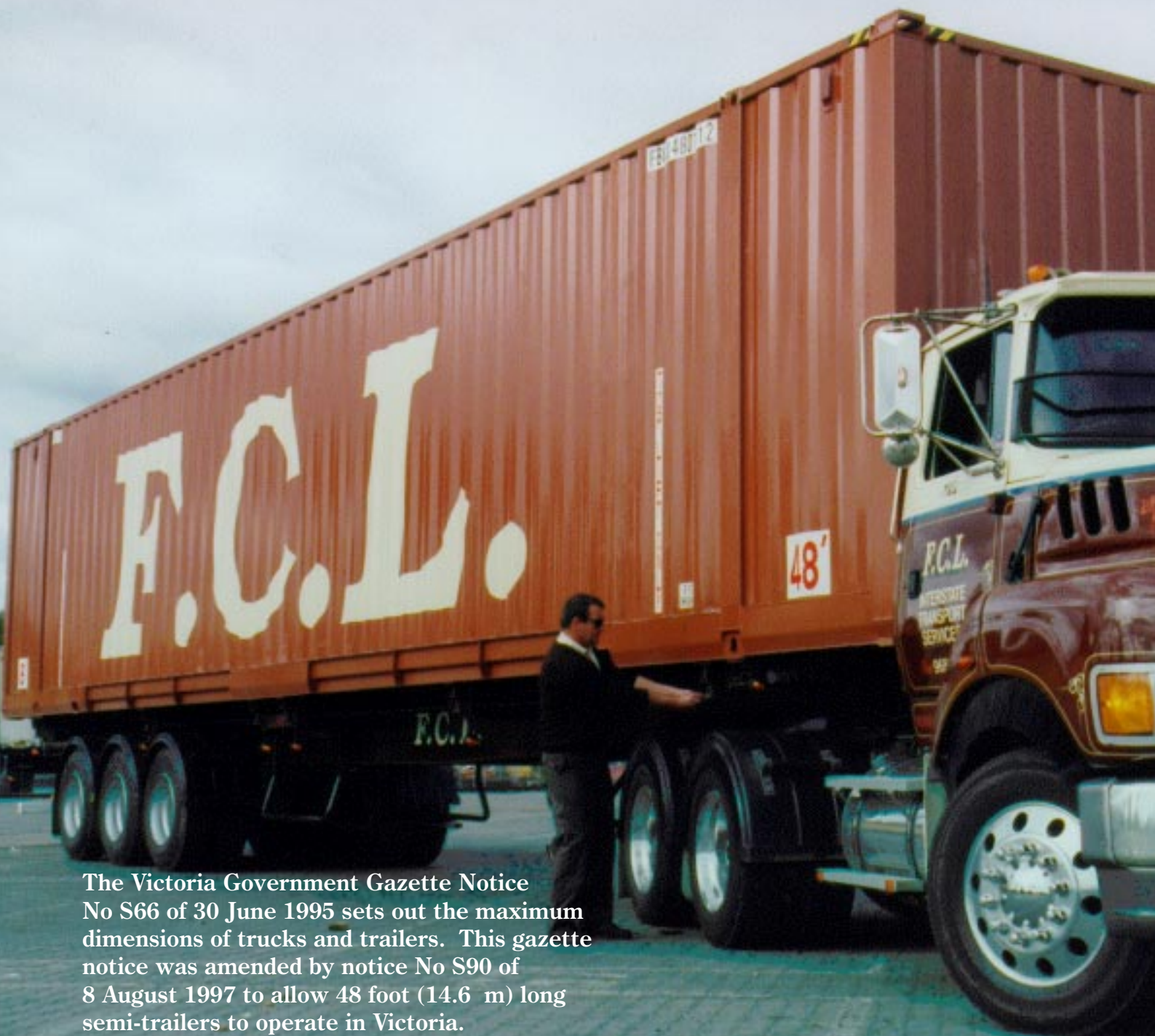


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# 48 foot (14.6 m) Trailers

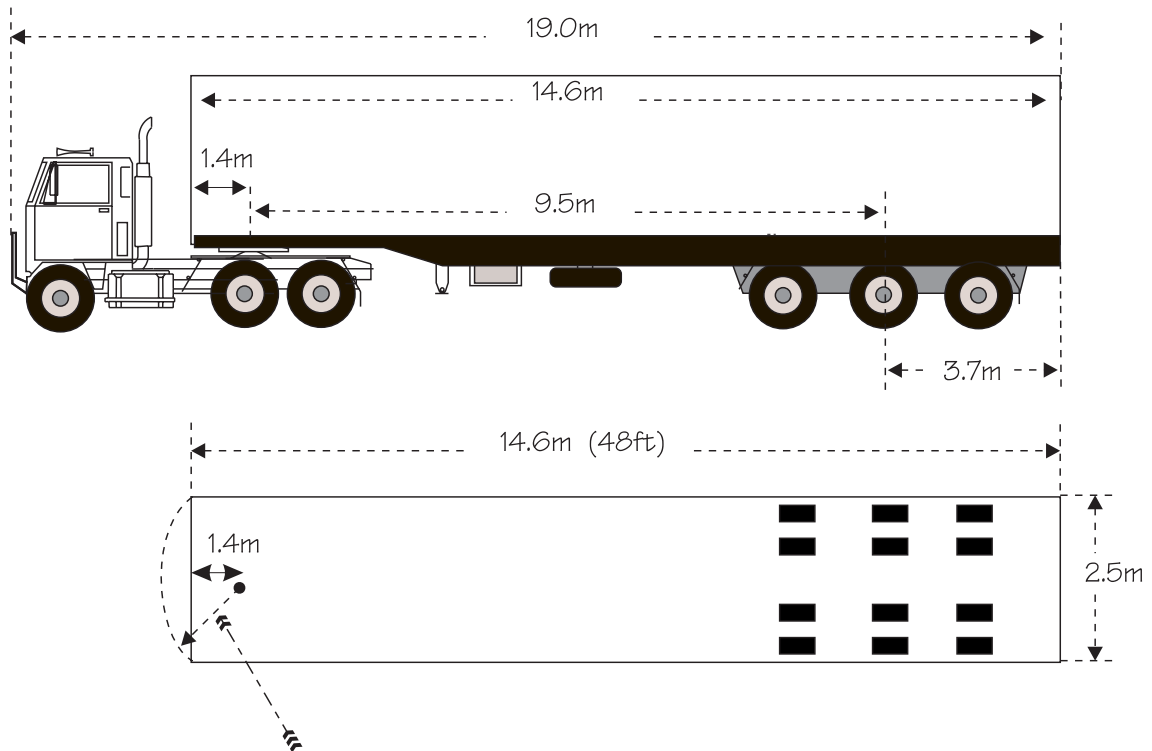
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The Victoria Government Gazette Notice No S66 of 30 June 1995 sets out the maximum dimensions of trucks and trailers. This gazette notice was amended by notice No S90 of 8 August 1997 to allow 48 foot (14.6 m) long semi-trailers to operate in Victoria.

## Dimension Limits

The maximum dimension limits for semi-trailers are:



The forward projection must be contained within a 1.9 metre radius from the king pin, which equates to 1.4 metres to the front of the trailer.

The overall length of the prime mover and semi-trailer combination remains at the national limit of 19 m. This ensures that general access is maintained throughout Victoria. A choice between cabover, or bonneted prime movers with short wheel bases (5.8 m (19 foot) from king pin to bull bar), is still available.

At this time national requirements limit the use of 48 foot (14.6 m) semi-trailers to single trailer combinations. That is, 48 foot semi-trailers cannot be used in B-doubles or road trains.

## Benefits

- productivity will be increased with two more pallets being able to be carried, compared to 45 foot semi-trailers, and
- intermodal operations between road and rail will be improved providing easier transport of 48 foot long rail containers. These rail containers can carry four more pallets than the traditional 40 foot containers.

## Assessing Your Route

The owner, operator and driver are responsible for planning each journey to ensure that the vehicle crosses bridges and negotiates curves and intersections in a safe manner, bearing in mind that some roads and intersections may not be capable of accommodating vehicles at the dimensions in this bulletin.

## Detailed Information

For detailed information on requirements, refer to the Victoria Government Gazette No S90 of 8 August 1997.

Copies of the Gazette are available from Information Victoria at 356 Collins Street, Melbourne (phone 1300 366 356).

## Further Enquiries

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