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**GOVERNMENT NOTICES** 

#### **HEAVY VEHICLE NATIONAL LAW**

# NEW SOUTH WALES CONSOLIDATED NATIONAL HEAVY VEHICLE MASS AND DIMENSION EXEMPTION (NOTICE) 2014 (No. 1)

## **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this Notice is to exempt the stated categories of class 3 heavy vehicles from the prescribed mass and dimension requirements specified in the notice, subject to the conditions specified in this notice.

## **Authorising Provision**

2. This notice is made under section 69(1) of the *Heavy Vehicle (General) National Regulation*.

#### **Title**

- 3. This notice may be cited as the New South Wales Consolidated National Heavy Vehicle Mass and Dimension Exemption (Notice) 2014 (No. 1).
- 4. A Notice mentioned in a Schedule may be cited by the title given under that Schedule.

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## Commencement

5. This notice commences on 10 February 2014.

## **Expiry**

6. This notice expires on 9 February 2019.

Dated 5 February 2014

Richard Hancock

**Chief Executive Officer** 

National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

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### **SCHEDULE 1**

# NEW SOUTH WALES CLASS 3 HEAVY VEHICLE COTTON MODULE CHAIN BED SEMITRAILER COMBINATION DIMENSION EXEMPTION (NOTICE) 2014 (No. 1)

## **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this Notice is to exempt cotton module chain bed semitrailer combinations from the height and rear overhang limits in Schedule 6 of the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation* (the Regulation).

Note – This instrument is an exemption from heavy vehicle height and rear overhang limits for combinations consisting of a prime mover and a semitrailer with a chain bed specifically built for carrying cotton modules. This instrument does **NOT** exempt these vehicles from other requirements of the Heavy Vehicle National Law including, but not limited to, mass and other dimension requirements.

#### **Authorising provision**

2. This Notice is made under section 117 of the *Heavy Vehicle National Law* (HVNL) as in force in each participating jurisdiction.

#### Title

3. This Notice may be cited as the New South Wales Class 3 Heavy Vehicle Cotton Module Chain Bed Semitrailer Combination Dimension Exemption (Notice) 2014 (No. 1).

#### Commencement

4. This Notice commences on 10 February 2014.

## **Expiry**

5. This Notice expires on 9 February 2019.

#### **Definitions**

- 6. Unless otherwise stated, words and expressions used in this Notice have the same meanings as those defined in the HVNL.
- 7. In this Notice—

**'Cotton module chain bed semitrailer combination'** means a combination consisting of a prime mover and a semitrailer with a chain-bed specifically constructed to transport cotton modules.

## **Application**

- 8. This Notice applies to cotton module chain bed semitrailer combinations.
- 9. This Notice applies in New South Wales.

#### **Exemption from prescribed dimension requirement**

- 10. This Notice exempts a cotton module chain bed semitrailer combination from—
  - (a) The rear overhang limit for a combination that includes a semitrailer in section 5(1)(a) of Schedule 6 of the Regulation; and
  - (b) The height limit for a heavy vehicle in section 8(d) of the Regulation.

#### **Conditions**

- 11. The loaded height of the combination may not exceed 4.6m.
- 12. The rear overhang of the combination may not exceed 4.2m.
- 13. The semitrailer must be loaded in a manner that ensures—
  - (a) The risk to other road users are minimised; and
  - (b) The loading does not adversely affect the combination's stability; and
  - (c) The restraining of the load complies with the Load Restraint Guide.
- 14. The combination may use any road in the local government areas list in Appendix 1 to this Notice.
- 15. The combination may only transport cotton modules on the safest direct route from the farm of origin to the cotton gin nominated by the producer of the cotton.
- 16. The combination may only transport cotton modules if the suitability of the proposed route has been assessed, and the combination does not strike or damage any overhead structures, including cables.
- 17. Where the height of a loaded combination is likely to interfere with overhead structures including cables, approval to travel the route must be sought from the relevant authority.
- 18. A copy of this Notice, and if applicable, a copy of the approval issued by the relevant authority pursuant to clause 17 must be carried in the driving compartment of the prime mover and must be produced to an authorised officer if requested to do so.

Note - Nothing in this notice exempts the driver or operator of the vehicle from complying with legislation regulating the use of heavy vehicles, including but not limited to—

- a. compliance with mass and other dimension requirements in the HVNL;
- b. compliance with traffic signs, including those indicating mass limits or dimension limits;
- c. compliance with vehicle standards in the HVNL; and
- d. compliance with lawful directions of authorised officers.

## Declaration

I, Richard Hancock, delegate of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator declare that a cotton module chain bed semitrailer combination is exempt from the requirements of subsections 5(1)(a) and 8(d) of Schedule 6 of the Regulation, provided the combination complies with the conditions in this Notice.

Dated 5 February 2014

Richard Hancock

**Chief Executive Officer** 

National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

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#### **APPENDIX 1**

# Approved local government areas (see clause 14)

- 1. Bourke Shire Council
- 2. Brewarrina Shire Council
- 3. Walgett Shire Council
- 4. Moree Plains Shire Council
- 5. Gwydir Shire Council
- 6. Broken Hill City Council and Unincorporated Far West area south of Broughman's Gate, Avenel, Lynray, Fowlers Gap and Gnalta.
- 7. Central Darling Shire Council
- 8. Cobar Shire Council
- 9. Bogan Shire Council
- 10. Warren Shire Council
- 11. Coonamble Shire Council
- 12. Narrabri Shire Council
- 13. Gilgandra Shire Council
- 14. Warrumbungle Shire Council
- 15. Gunnedah Shire Council
- 16. Liverpool Plains Shire Council
- 17. Tamworth Regional Shire Council
- 18. Narromine Shire Council
- 19. Dubbo City Council
- 20. Lachlan Shire Council
- 21. Parkes Shire Council
- 22. Wentworth Shire Council
- 23. Balranald Shire Council
- 24. Hay Shire Council
- 25. Carrathool Shire Council
- 26. Griffith City Council
- 27. Bland Shire Council
- 28. Forbes Shire Council



Figure 1 - Map of New South Wales Local Government Areas