

# **Roads Transport (General) Act 2005**

## **Agricultural Machine Combination Notice 2008 under Division 4 of Part 2 of the Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005**

I, Les Wielinga, Chief Executive of the Roads and Traffic Authority, pursuant to Division 4 of Part 2 of the Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005, make the Notice set forth hereunder, so as to specify the towing requirements for agricultural machines that comply with the requirements of the Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005 and the general requirements set out in Parts 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Schedule to this Notice and any conditions set out in such Schedule.

**Les Wielinga  
Chief Executive  
Roads and Traffic Authority**

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### **SCHEDULE**

#### **PART 1 - PRELIMINARY**

##### **1.1 Citation**

This Notice may be cited as the Agricultural Machine Combination Notice 2008.

##### **1.2 Commencement**

This Notice takes effect on 1 January 2008.

##### **1.3 Limitation**

This Notice continues to have effect until 31 December 2012 unless it is amended or repealed earlier.

##### **1.4 Interpretation**

Unless stated otherwise, words and expressions used in this Notice have the meaning assigned by Part 6 of this Notice, or, if not there defined, have the meanings assigned to them by the Dictionary forming part of the Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005.

## **1.5 Application**

This Notice applies to agricultural combinations in excess of 4.5 tonnes Gross Combination Mass (GCM), used for carting primary produce, comprising fruit and vegetables.

## **PART 2 - ROADS**

### **2.1 Approved roads**

- 2.1.1** A combination to which this Notice applies must not travel on a road, road related area, bridge or structure where any posted mass or dimension limit would be exceeded.

## **PART 3 - VEHICLE MASS AND DIMENSION LIMITS**

### **3.1 Mass**

- 3.1.1** The gross mass of the combination must not exceed 15 tonnes.
- 3.1.2** The loaded mass of the trailer must not exceed the loaded mass of the towing vehicle by more than 50%.
- 3.1.3** The manufacturer's GCM for the hauling unit must not be exceeded.
- 3.1.4** The manufacturer's ratings for any component of the combination must not be exceeded.
- 3.1.5** Notwithstanding the definition of GCM, for the purpose of this Notice, where the GCM is not specified by the manufacturer of the hauling unit, the GCM will be deemed to be 1.67 times the Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) of the hauling unit.
- 3.1.6** For the purpose of this Notice, for agricultural machines, where the GVM is not specified by the manufacturer, the tare mass of the vehicle will be deemed to be the GVM.
- 3.1.7** Notwithstanding the definition of GVM, a hauling unit registered before 1 January 1995 and continuously registered thereafter is, for the purpose of this Notice, taken to have a GVM equivalent to any aggregate weight that was in force for the vehicle under Regulation 120A of the Motor Traffic Regulations 1935 (repealed) immediately before that date.

<p><b>Note:</b> However, if since 1 January 1995 the vehicle has been altered or the registration has not continued without a break, including continuation by renewal or re-issue of such registration, the mass limit of the vehicle is the</p>
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mass limit determined in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005.

### **3.2 Dimensions**

- 3.2.1** The agricultural combination must not be more than 19 metres long.
- 3.2.2** The agricultural combination must not exceed 2.5 metres in width.
- 3.2.3** The agricultural combination must not exceed 4.3 metres in height.

## **PART 4 - OPERATING REQUIREMENTS**

### **4.1 Braking**

- 4.1.1** The hauling unit must have the mass and braking capability to stop the combination from a speed of 35 km/h, within a distance of 16.5 metres.

### **4.2 Speed limit**

- 4.2.1** The combination must not travel at a speed greater than the lesser of:
  - (a) 20 km/h less than the speed limit applying to the section of road on which the combination is travelling; and
  - (b) 50 km/h.

### **4.3 Conspicuity**

- 4.3.1** In daylight, at least one amber rotating beacon is to be fitted at the highest point in the combination, or a removable light board (which has brake, tail and turn lights and reflectors) must be fitted to the rear of the combination.
- 4.3.2** At night, a removable light board must be fitted to the rear of the combination and an amber rotating beacon must be fitted at the highest point in the combination and be clearly visible for a distance of 500 metres in all directions.

## **PART 5 - MISCELLANEOUS**

### **5.1 Operating Requirements**

- 5.1.1** No person shall stand or drive on roads or road related areas, a combination to which this Notice applies, unless:
  - a copy of this Notice,
  - a duly completed copy of Annexure A - Calculation of GTM for Agricultural Trailers not fitted with a Compliance Plate or Trailer Plate; and



- where required by Annexure A, a duly completed Declaration in or to the effect of the form comprising Annexure B - Owners Declaration of Coupling Capacity,

are carried and produced to a police officer or an authorised officer if requested to do so.

## PART 6 - GLOSSARY OF TERMS

In this Notice:

**“agricultural combination”** means a combination that includes at least one agricultural vehicle.

**“agricultural implement”** means a vehicle without its own motive power, built to perform agricultural tasks.

**Note:** Examples of agricultural implements are irrigating equipment, augers, conveyors, field bins, harvest fronts, and machinery fully carried on the three-point linkage of a tractor. Examples of agricultural machines are tractors and harvesters.

**“agricultural machine”** means a machine with its own motive power, built to perform agricultural tasks.

**“agricultural vehicle”** means an agricultural implement or agricultural machine.

**“amber rotating beacon”** means a rotating amber flashing light with at least a 55 watt globe, producing 120 to 200 light pulsations per minute, that can be clearly seen from a distance of 500 metres.

**“road”** means an area that is open to and used by the public and is developed for, or has one of its main uses, the riding or driving of motor vehicles.

**“road related area”** means:

- (a) an area that divides a road; or
- (b) a footpath or nature strip adjacent to a road; or
- (c) an area that is open to the public and is designed for use by cyclists or animals; or
- (d) an area that is not a road and that is open to or used by the public for driving, riding or parking motor vehicles; or
- (e) any other area that is open to and used by the public and that has been declared, in accordance with subsection 6 of section 264A of the Roads Act, to be an area to which specified regulations apply.

**“trailer”** means a motor vehicle that is built to be towed, or is towed, by a motor vehicle, but does not include a motor vehicle that is being towed.

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ANNEXURE B

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, (a) \_\_\_\_\_ of (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
in the State of New South Wales, (c) \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly and sincerely declare  
as follows

- 1. I own the trailer described below.
- 2. The maximum drawbar capacity of that trailer is \_\_\_\_\_ kilograms.
- 3. The following is an accurate and complete description of the said trailer:

Make: (eg Homemade) \_\_\_\_\_

Model: (in full - name, letters and/or numbers) \_\_\_\_\_

Model Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Vin or Chassis/ frame Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional identifying features: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

AND I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act 1900.

Subscribed and declared at

(d)  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

before me  
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Justice of the Peace/Solicitor

NOTES

- (a) Full Name
- (b) Residential address
- (c) Occupation
- (d) Name of city, town or suburb where Declaration made.