

**Roads Transport (General) Act 2005**  
**Rear Overhang Limit Notice 2008 made under the Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulations 2005 and the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007**

I, Les Wielinga, Chief Executive of the Roads and Traffic Authority, pursuant to clause 25 of the Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005 and clause 10 of Schedule 2 to the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007, do, by this Notice, exempt vehicles that are described in clause 1.4 of the Schedule to this Notice, from the dimensions, as specified in that Schedule, set out in clause 7 (2) of Schedule 1 to the Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005, and clause 75 of Schedule 2 to the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007 subject to any conditions or requirements set out in the Schedule to this Notice.

**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 Rear Overhang Limit Notice 2008.

**1.2 Commencement**

Notice takes effect on 1 January 2008.

**1.3 Effect**

This Notice remains in force until 31 December 2012 unless it is amended or repealed earlier.

**1.4 Application**

This Notice applies to a motor vehicle or any trailer, that has a manufacturer's gross vehicle mass greater than 4.5 tonnes and which has a forklift truck attached to the rear of the vehicle or trailer for the sole purpose of loading and unloading goods on and off such vehicle or trailer.

**PART 2 – DIMENSION LIMITS**

**2.1.** Except as provided in clauses 2.2 and 2.3 or any other law, a motor vehicle or trailer to which this Notice applies must comply with the dimension limits specified in Schedule 1 to the Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005 and Schedule 2 to the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007.

**2.2** Any forklift truck transported on a motor vehicle or trailer, that exceeds 9.5 metres in length shall not project to the rear of such vehicle or trailer beyond a point which is 4 metres from the rear overhang line.

**2.3** Any forklift truck transported on a motor vehicle or trailer, may project more than 1.2 metres to the rear of the vehicle or trailer if there is displayed at the rear of the load or equipment:

- (a) a 300 mm square brightly coloured flag or piece of material; or
- (b) in the case of night travel, a red light visible at a distance of 200 metres.

### **PART 3 – GENERAL REQUIREMENT**

#### **3.1 Copy of Notice must be carried**

A copy of this Notice must be carried in the driving compartment and produced to a police officer or an authorised officer if requested to do so.

### **PART 4 – SPECIAL REQUIREMENT**

#### **Number Plate Visibility**

- 4.1 A number plate must be clearly visible from the rear of the vehicle at all times.
- 4.2 If the number plate is obscured on the rear of the transporting vehicle by the fork lift and the fork lift is conditionally registered, the number plate of the forklift registration plate may be used in place of the transporting vehicle number plate so long as the number plate is clearly visible from the rear of the vehicle.
- 4.3 If the fork lift is not conditionally registered, the number plate of the transporting vehicle must be relocated so that it is clearly visible from the rear of the vehicle.

### **PART 5 - DEFINITIONS**

In this Notice:

**“rear overhang line”** means:

- (a) if there is a single axle at the rear of the vehicle the centerline of the axle, or
  - (b) if there is an axle group at the rear of the vehicle the center of the axle group, determined without regard to the presence of any steerable axle or retractable axle in the group unless all axles in the group are steerable or retractable.
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