

Roads Transport (General) Act 2005

Special Purpose Stand and Operate Notice 2008 under the Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005

I, Les Wielinga, Chief Executive of the Roads and Traffic Authority, in pursuance of Clause 12 of the Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005, do by this Notice, permit vehicles, that are described in clause 1.5 of the Schedule to this Notice, to stand and operate on roads and road related areas subject to the conditions set out in the Schedule hereto.

Les Wielinga
Chief Executive
Roads and Traffic Authority

SCHEDULE

PART 1 - PRELIMINARY

Citation

1.1 This Notice may be cited as the Special Purpose Vehicle Stand and Operate Notice 2008.

Commencement

1.2 This Notice takes effect on 1 January 2008.

Effect

1.3 This Notice remains in force until 31 December 2012 unless it is amended or repealed earlier.

Interpretations

1.4 Unless stated otherwise, words and expressions used in this Notice that are defined in clause 5 of this Notice or the Dictionary forming part of the Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005 (the MLA Regulation), have the same meaning as those set out in that clause or that Dictionary.

Application

1.5.1 This Notice applies to any standing special purpose vehicle that exceeds a dimension limit specified in Table 3 of Schedule 2 to the MLA Regulation or the corresponding limit in the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007 or Schedule 1 to the MLA Regulation while such vehicle is standing and operating upon a road or road related area in New South Wales.

1.5.2 Notes in the text of this Notice do not form part of this Notice.

NOTE: This Notice extends to standing special purpose vehicles that are standing and

operating with booms, jibs, masts, platforms and stabiliser outriggers extended beyond the prescribed limits.

PART 2 - CONDITIONS AND OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

2.1 The dimension limits specified in Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the MLA Regulation 2007 do not apply to a standing special purpose vehicle while such vehicle is standing or operating in accordance with a Notice published in the Government Gazette.

2.2 A copy of this Notice, must be carried in the driving compartment whenever the standing special purpose vehicle is standing and operating and must be produced when requested by a Police Officer or an authorized officer.

2.3 Whenever the standing special purpose vehicle, to which this Notice applies, is to stand and operate the following must be contacted prior to any such vehicle being allowed to stand and operate on a road or road related area so as to designate the location where the vehicle may stand and operate and to give any relevant directions in relation to traffic or temporary road closure:

- the NSW Police Local Area Commander for the area (or the Commander's representative), or
- the Operations Room of the RTA Transport Management Centre,

whichever is appropriate.

NOTE: Where the standing special purpose vehicle is to stand and operate upon an RTA classified road (as defined in this Notice) or upon a road that is not a classified road where its impact upon traffic is believed will extend onto a classified road, a Road Occupancy License (ROL) for any resulting temporary lane closures must be obtained from the Planned Incident Unit of the RTA Transport Management Centre for these activities prior to the standing special purpose vehicle is to stand and operate.

An ROL requires approximately 10-business days notice to process and issue after the receipt of the application. Where a standing special purpose vehicle is to stand and operate on a road other than a classified road where its impact upon traffic does not extend onto a classified road, the Operations Room of the RTA Transport Management Centre must be contacted prior to any such vehicle being allowed to stand or operate on the road or road related area, and provide details relating to any impacts on traffic.

The contact details for the Operations Room of the RTA Transport Management Centre are: Phone: 02 8396 1686; Fax: 02 8396 1436.

The contact details for the Planned Incident Unit of the RTA Transport Management Centre are: Phone: 02 8396 1513; Fax: 02 8396 1530.

2.4 The driver or operator of a standing special purpose vehicle is only exempted under clause 1.6 while standing and operating at the designated location and direction of the Police.

PART 3 – MASS AND DIMENSION LIMITS

3.1 When not standing and operating, travel is only permitted on a road or road related area if the standing special purpose vehicle does not exceed a mass or dimension limit specified in Schedule 2 to the MLA Regulation, or the corresponding limit in the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007 or Schedule 1 to the MLA Regulation, unless it is exempt from such limit by a Class 1 Notice or a Class 1 Permit and is travelling in accordance therewith.

3.2 When a standing special purpose vehicle is standing and operating then any booms, jibs, masts, platforms and stabiliser outriggers that are incidental to such use must only be used in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

PART 4 – SPECIAL REQUIREMENT

Warning Lights

4.1 Amber rotating beacons, emitting a light visible at a distance of 500 m, must be fitted on the foremost and rearmost extremities of the standing special purpose vehicle and operated at all times whilst the vehicle is standing or operating on any road or road related area.

Markings

4.2.1 A rear marker plate, or plates, complying with ADR 13/00, must be displayed at the rear of a standing special purpose vehicle that is standing or operating upon a road or road related area.

4.2.2 A pattern covering an area of at least 0.16 square metres and consisting of diagonal stripes at least 150 mm wide and alternately coloured:

(a) red and white, or

(b) black and white,

must be displayed on the left and right sides of any rigid projection extending more than 1.2 m in front of the body of a standing special purpose vehicle, if it is practicable to do so.

Traffic control

4.3.1 The road or road related area in the vicinity of a standing special purpose vehicle that is standing and operating is to be properly marked with an adequate number of traffic lane markers to control the flow of traffic.

4.3.2 Suitable warning signs and barriers are to be erected in the area where the standing special purpose vehicle is standing and operating.

4.3.3 If so required by the NSW Police Local Area Commander for the area in which the standing special purpose vehicle, to which this Notice applies, is to stand and operate (or the Commander's representative) a person equipped with a flag or other suitable sign must also be in attendance to assist with the control of traffic.

4.3.4 Any traffic control measures must comply with Police directions and Australian Standard AS 1742.3.

NOTE: AS 1742.3 enquires can be directed to WorkCover NSW.

Miscellaneous requirements

4.4.1 Prior approval must be obtained from the Local Council in which the standing special purpose vehicle, to which this Notice applies, is to stand and operate before a standing special purpose vehicle is allowed to stand and operate.

4.4.2 If the whole of the road is to be closed the New South Wales Fire Brigades, the Rural Fire Service and the Ambulance Service must be notified.

4.4.3 If the standing special purpose vehicle is to stand and operate on a bus route where operation interferes with bus services, the operators of any bus company or authority whose services are interfered with must be informed.

4.4.4 Approval must be gained from the RTA's Transport Management Centre where the operation of a standing special purpose vehicle affects traffic flow on the State Road network or traffic signals within the Sydney Central Business District.

4.4.5 In addition to the foregoing conditions and requirements, the operator must comply with any reasonable direction of a Police Officer.

PART 5 - DEFINITIONS

5.0 In this Notice:

“authorised officer” means a person employed by the Roads and Traffic Authority as an enforcement officer.

“classified road” means any of the following:

- (a) a main road,
- (b) a State highway,
- (c) a freeway,
- (d) a controlled access road,
- (e) a secondary road,
- (f) a tourist road,
- (g) a tollway,
- (h) a transit way,
- (i) a State work.

“standing and operating” means using in a stationary position or between positions in close proximity to one another for the purpose for which a standing special purpose vehicle is designed and standing as incidental to such use.

“standing special purpose vehicle” means a mobile crane, elevated travel tower, scissor lift or mobile concrete pump that is built for a purpose other than carrying a load, except for water in the case of concrete pumps.