

Roads Act 1993

Notice under Clause 50 (3) (b) of the Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) (Road Rules) Regulation 1999

I, Paul Forward, Chief Executive of the Roads and Traffic Authority, pursuant to Clause 50 (3)(b) of the Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) (Road Rules) Regulation 1999, exempt the vehicle to which this Notice applies, more particularly described in the Schedule hereto, from the requirement that they be in the charge of a competent person, while under tow, subject to the provisions of that Schedule.



Paul Forward
Chief Executive
Roads and Traffic Authority

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SCHEDULE

PART 1 - PRELIMINARY

1.1 Citation

This Notice may be cited as the Spray Coupe Combination Notice.

1.2 Commencement

This Notice takes effect on 1 December, 2004.

1.3 Limitation

This Notice continues to have effect until 1 December 2008, unless it is amended or repealed earlier.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 1996.

1.5 Application

This Notice applies to agricultural combinations in excess of 4.5 tonnes GCM, where there is only one towed vehicle and that vehicle is a purpose built self-propelled agricultural spraying machine of the kind to which the manual described in clause 4.1.1 relates and is towed on a road or road related area, without a competent person being in charge of it.

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 42.5 tonnes.

3.1.2 The mass of the towed vehicle must not exceed the loaded mass of the towing vehicle.

3.1.3 The manufacturer's GCM for the towing vehicle must not be exceeded.

3.1.4 The manufacturer's ratings for any component of the combination must not be exceeded.

3.1.5 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.

3.2 Dimensions

3.2.1 The agricultural combination must not be more than 25 metres long.

3.2.2 The agricultural combination must not exceed 4.3 metres in height.

3.2.3 In the Western Zone, the agricultural combination must not exceed 6 metres in width, unless a specific permit has been obtained.

3.2.4 In the Eastern Zone, the agricultural combination must not exceed 5 metres in width, unless a specific permit has been obtained.

PART 4 – OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

1.1 Towing

4.1.1 The combination must be coupled as shown in the instructions, Appendix 1 – Towing the Spra-Coupe, in the "Operation and Maintenance Manual" supplied by Melroe, Ingersoll-Rand.

1.2 Braking

1.2.1 The hauling unit must have the mass and braking capability to stop the combination from a speed of 30km/h, within a distance of 14 metres.

1.3 Speed limit

4.3.1 The combination must not travel on roads or road related areas at more than 40 km/h.

1.4 Conspicuity

4.4.1 An amber rotating beacon/s must be fitted and be clearly visible from both the front and rear of the combination.

4.4.2 Brake and turn lights and reflectors must be fitted and be clearly visible at the rear of the combination.

PART 5 – MISCELLANEOUS

5. A copy of this Notice, or an information sheet issued by the Roads and Traffic Authority setting out the obligations imposed under this Notice must be produced on demand to a member of the Police Service, or an authorised officer.

PART 6 – GLOSSARY OF TERMS

6. In this Notice:

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

“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.