

Roads and Traffic Authority

Notice made under the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 1998 and the Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 1996

I, Paul Forward, Chief Executive of the Roads and Traffic Authority, pursuant to Clause 14 of Schedule 4 to the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 1998 and Division 3 of Part 3 of the Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 1996, do, by this Notice, exempt vehicles that are described in Part 2 of the Schedule to this Notice from the dimensions, in that Schedule, as set out in Schedule 4 to the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 1998, and clause 8 of Schedule 1 to the Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 1996, subject to any conditions or requirements set out in the Schedule to this Notice.

Paul Forward
Chief Executive
Roads and Traffic Authority

Schedule

Part 1 - Preliminary

1.1 Citation

This Notice may be cited as the General Oversize (Baled or Rolled Hay) (Drought Assistance) Exemption Notice 2005.

1.2 Commencement

This Notice takes effect on 1 January 2005.

1.3 Effect

This Notice remains in force until 31 December 2010 unless it is amended or repealed earlier.

NOTE

This Notice replaces General Oversize (Baled or Rolled Hay) Exemption Notice 2002 published in Government Gazette No. 221 of 15 November 2002 at pages 9771 to 9776.

The purpose of this Notice is to allow transport arrangements, to and within drought affected areas of NSW, for the provision of feed to drought affected livestock.

1.4 Interpretation

Unless stated otherwise, words and expressions used in this Notice have the same meanings as those in Part 5 to this Notice.

1.5 Notes

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

Part 2 - Application

2.1 Application

- a) This Notice applies provided that the motor vehicles of the kind described in clause 2.2 are operated in accordance with the operation and travel requirements specified in Part 4 to this Notice.
- b) Vehicles or combinations not specified in clause 2.2 of this Notice cannot be operated under the conditions of this notice.

Note: This means that Road Trains, truck and dog trailer/pig trailer combinations, utility trucks etc cannot be operated under the concessional arrangements allowed by this Notice.

2.2 Specified vehicles

This Notice applies to:

- a) any rigid vehicle with a gross vehicle mass in excess of 4.5 tonnes; or
 - b) any prime mover and semi-trailer combination or prime mover and low-loader or B-Double combination with a gross combination mass in excess of 4.5 tonnes;
- and that
- c) is used to transport rolled or baled hay to or within drought affected areas to provide feed for livestock; and
 - d) does not, apart from its load of baled or rolled hay, exceed 2.5 metres in width;

where a dimension limit exceeds a limit specified in clauses 4.4 (1) or 4.10 (1) of Division 2 to Schedule 4 to the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 1998 and a limit specified in clause 8 of Schedule 1 to the Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 1996, but does not exceed a dimension specified in Part 3.

Part 3 - Vehicle dimension limits

3.1 Dimensions

Dimension limits allowed under this Notice are set out below in Table 1.

Table 1 — Maximum Overall Dimension Limits

	Height (metres)	Width (mm)	Side projection (mm)	Length (metres)
Loaded rigid vehicle	4.6	2830	165	12.5
Loaded prime mover and semi-trailer combination	4.6	2830	165	19.0
Loaded prime mover and low-loader combination	4.6	2830	165	19.0
B-Double combination	4.6	2830	165	25.0

Part 4 — Operating Requirements

4.1 Compliance with General Class 1 Oversize Notice 2002

A vehicle carrying rolled or baled hay that is wider than 2.5 metres must be operated in accordance with the provisions of Part 4 - '*Requirements for Class 1 Vehicles (Other than Agricultural Machines or Agricultural Combinations)*' of the General Class 1 Oversize Notice.

4.2 Compliance with 4.6 Metre High Vehicle Route Notice 2004

A vehicle carrying rolled or baled hay that is higher than 4.3 metres must be operated in accordance with the provisions of Parts 3, 4 and 5 of the 4.6 Metre High Vehicle Route Notice 2004.

4.3 Compliance with General B-Double Notice 2000

A B-Double carrying rolled or baled hay that is wider than 2.5 metres must be operated in accordance with General B-Double Notice 2000.

4.4 Other requirements for B-Doubles

A B-Double carrying rolled or baled hay that is wider than 2.5 metres must:

- a) have a warning light, which operates whenever the vehicle is in motion and loaded in excess of 2.5 metres in width, fitted as close as possible to the front of the vehicle and be clearly visible at a distance of 500 metres. The warning lamp must:
 - (i) Emit a rotating, flashing yellow light
 - (ii) Flash between 120 and 200 times per minute

- (iii) Have a power of at least 55 watts, and
- (iv) Not be a strobe light.
- b) have “Oversize” signs complying with the requirements of the General Class 1 Oversize Notice 2002 fitted to the front and rear of the combination;
- c) have flags complying with the requirements of the General Class 1 Oversize Notice 2002;
- d) comply with route restrictions specified in the General Class 1 Oversize Notice 2002; and
- e) Not travel at night.

4.5 Documents to be carried

No person shall operate a vehicle or combination to which this Notice applies on a road or road related area unless:

- a) a copy of this Notice; and
- b) a copy of the General Class 1 Oversize Notice 2002, (together with a copy of the 4.6 Metre High Vehicle Route Notice 2004, if necessary),

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

PART 5 — GLOSSARY OF TERMS

In this Notice:

“**authorised officer**” means a person employed by the RTA as an enforcement officer.

“**dog trailer**” means a trailer (including a trailer consisting of a semi-trailer and converter dolly) with:

- a) one axle group or single axle at the front that is steered by connection to the towing vehicle by a drawbar, and
- b) one axle group or single axle at the rear.

“**drought affected area**” means a zone identified as *In Drought* on the monthly *Areas of New South Wales Suffering Drought Conditions* map, published by the NSW Department of Agriculture.

“**gross vehicle mass**” means the maximum loaded mass of a vehicle:

- a) as specified by the manufacturer, or
- b) as specified by the vehicle registration authority if:
 - i) the manufacturer has not specified a maximum loaded mass, or
 - ii) the manufacturer cannot be identified, or
 - iii) the vehicle has been modified to the extent that the manufacturer’s specification is no longer appropriate.

“information sheet” means advice published or adopted by the Roads and Traffic Authority setting out the obligations imposed under a Notice (and available on request from the Authority).

“pig trailer” means a trailer fitted with no axle group other than one non-steerable axle group.

“road” means an area that is open to and is 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 designated 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 or used by the public and that has been declared under section Section 9 of the Road Transport (General) Act 1999, or Section 264A(6) of the Roads Act 1993.

NOTE:

The monthly *Areas of New South Wales Suffering Drought Conditions* map, is contained in the *Regional Review* published each month by the NSW Department of Agriculture. The *Regional Review* can be obtained from the Regional Offices of the NSW Department of Agriculture. The map can also be found on the NSW Department of Agriculture’s website at www.agric.nsw.gov.au/reader/drt-area.