

### You may be a party in the Chain of Responsibility (CoR) under the *Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL)*.

If you send or receive goods using heavy vehicles you are likely a CoR party. The HVNL applies to most businesses in Australia, including many that don't own or operate heavy vehicles. Being a party in the CoR means you have a duty under the HVNL to ensure safety, similar to Work Health and Safety (WHS).

### The NHVR has published the 2026 Master Code, which provides information for CoR parties about the safe use of heavy vehicles.

You will find guidance in the Code about hazards and risks you need to consider, and about the information you need to provide your transport operator so they can operate safely.

The Code provides detailed information for businesses which are manufacturing or packaging goods for transport, sending or receiving goods, or operating premises where heavy vehicles are loaded or unloaded.

## The 2026 Master Code describes 45 Activities and more than 500 controls, to help businesses identify opportunities to improve safety.

### Arranging for the transport of goods

Controls to ensure risks are identified and managed proactively, vehicles are suitable, loads are accurately described, and drivers are supported through clear communication and accurate information sharing.

### Loads, Loading, Unloading

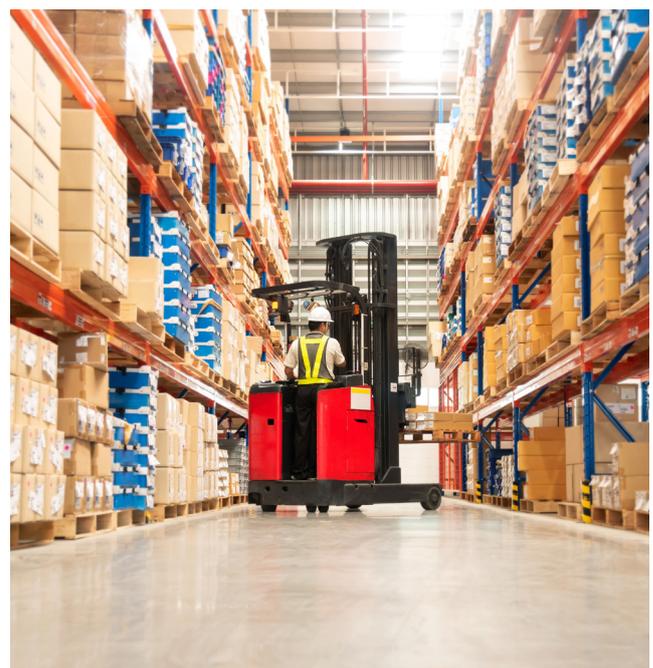
Practical guidance to manage risks associated with mass, dimension, load restraint and determining the weight of a vehicle, to ensure loads are handled in a way that protects drivers, road users and infrastructure.

### Managing loading and unloading premises

Advice for CoR parties operating premises where heavy vehicles are loaded or unloaded, including those with dedicated loading bays or space onsite for vehicles to access, and those without dedicated loading spaces or facilities.

### Importing goods in shipping containers

Addressing the unique challenges in the safe transport of goods in containers, which may be exacerbated when the container is packed and loaded overseas.



For more information go to  
[www.nhvr.gov.au/master-code](http://www.nhvr.gov.au/master-code)