

Information sheet – Victoria Class 3 Grain Harvest Management Scheme Mass Exemption Notice 2022 (No. 1)

The purpose of this Notice is to exempt a heavy vehicle to which it applies from stated prescribed mass requirements in Schedule 1 of the *Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation* (MDL), and operates in conjunction with the Victorian Grain Harvest Management Scheme (GHMS).

The Notice and the GHMS

This Notice supports the Victorian GHMS administered by the Department of Transport.¹

The GHMS provides operating conditions, registration requirements and access for enrolled vehicles. Details of the GHMS can be found at: [Victoria Grain Harvest Management Scheme](#).

The Notice provides the specific mass exemptions and conditional masses, and compliance with the GHMS is an **essential condition** of operating under the Notice.

Eligible vehicles

This Notice and the GHMS apply to the following vehicles that are carrying specified types of grain from a point of loading to a registered grain receiver:

- single steer, single drive rigid truck
- single steer, tandem drive rigid truck
- twin steer, tandem drive rigid truck
- single steer, single drive prime mover and single axle semitrailer
- single steer, single drive prime mover and tandem axle semitrailer
- single steer, single drive prime mover and tri-axle semitrailer
- single steer, tandem drive prime mover and tandem axle semitrailer
- single steer, tandem drive prime mover and tri-axle semitrailer
- single steer, tandem drive rigid truck and 2-axle dog trailer

- single steer, tandem drive rigid truck and 4-axle (tandem-tandem) dog trailer
- B-double (up to 19m) (General Access Vehicle) - single steer, tandem drive prime mover towing two tandem axle semitrailers
- B-double (up to 19m) (Restricted Access Vehicle) - single steer, tandem drive prime mover and tandem axle semitrailers
- 25/26m B-double (Restricted Access Vehicle) - single steer, tandem drive prime mover towing two triaxle semitrailers.

These vehicles are illustrated in the [Victorian Grain Harvest Management Scheme Mass Limit Chart](#).

Note: The Notice **does not** apply to Performance Based Standards vehicles.

Mass exemptions and conditions

Vehicles operating under this Notice are exempt from a range of mass limits under Schedule 1 of the MDL.

It is a condition of this Notice that vehicles must also belong to, and comply with the GHMS, and also certain conditions relating to emission control standards and vehicle registration date.

Changes introduced in September 2022

The Notice was renewed in September 2022 with the following changes:

- Removal of the requirement to carry the Notice in a heavy vehicle compartment.
- Removal of the requirement for eligible vehicles to be enrolled in the GHMS. The requirement to be enrolled **will only apply to receivers**. Vehicles will only need to comply with the conditions of the Notice.
- Updated the description of eligible vehicles, so there is no confusion about vehicle type. For example, 'rigid - 2 axle' has been renamed 'single steer, single drive rigid truck' and 'prime mover (single drive) &

¹ Department of Transport means the Victorian state road authority called The Roads Corporation.

semitrailer - 5 axles' has been renamed 'single steer, single drive prime mover and triaxle semitrailer'.

- It is important to note that there is no change to eligible vehicles; just to the way they are described.

Network access

Network access is provided by two network maps maintained by the Department of Transport:

- [Grain Harvest Management Scheme Rigid Truck & Semi-Trailer Network](#) (for rigid and semitrailers)
- [Grain Harvest Management Scheme B-double Network](#) (for B-doubles)

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