

# ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1961

## NOTICE OF APPROVAL AND EXEMPTION

*Pursuant to Sections 161A and 163AA of the Road Traffic Act 1961*

### OPERATION OF 25 METRE LONG PRIME MOVER AND LOW LOADER COMBINATIONS WITH A GROSS COMBINATION MASS UP TO 59.5 TONNES.

#### 1. APPROVAL

- 1.1. In accordance with the powers delegated to me by the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure under section 161A of the *Road Traffic Act 1961*, I hereby approve 'Low Loader Combinations', carrying an indivisible item that exceeds statutory limits, to travel on the 25m 59.5t Low Loader (OSM) approved route network within South Australia subject to the conditions and limitations specified in this Notice.

#### 2. EXEMPTION

- 2.1. In accordance with the powers delegated to me by the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, under Section 163AA of the *Road Traffic Act 1961*, I hereby exempt 'Low Loader Combinations' operating under this Notice from the following provisions of the:

2.1.1. *Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Rules 1999*:

- Rule 66(1) – Width;
- Rule 68(1)(a) and (b) – Length of single semi-trailers;
- Rule 69(1)(d) – Length of combinations;
- Rule 70(1) – Rear overhang;
- Rule 72(1) Height; and

2.1.2. *Road Traffic (Mass and Loading Requirements) Regulations 1999* Schedule 1, in so far as it relates to:

- Table 1 – tandem axle group fitted with dual tyres (8 tyres – for any vehicle other than a pig trailer – 16.5 tonnes); and
- Table 1 – triaxle group fitted with dual tyres (12 tyres – for any vehicle other than a pig trailer – 20.0 tonnes) and
- Table 1 – quad axle group fitted with dual tyres (16 tyres – 20.0 tonnes)
- Part 1, Regulation 4 (1) - Mass limits for combinations (total mass of combination and load – 42.5 tonnes);
- Part 2, Regulation 6 (side projections – 150 millimetres).

subject to the conditions and limitations specified in this Notice.

#### 3. CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS APPLYING TO THIS NOTICE

- 3.1. When you are operating under this Notice you must:
- 3.1.1. Operate at all times in accordance with the "Code of Practice for Prime Mover and Low Loader Combinations", dated July 2012, issued by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI);
- 3.1.2. Only operate on the approved route network(s) titled '25m 59.5t Low Loader (OSM)' published on the DPTI RAVnet online mapping system and in accordance with any conditions and limitations specified for those routes;
- 3.1.3. Immediately prior to the commencement of any journey, check the DPTI RAVnet online mapping system to ensure that the entire route intended to be travelled/operated on is approved and available for 'Low Loader Combinations' with a GCM up to 59.5 tonnes;
- 3.1.4. Carry a complete, current and legible copy of this Notice either in hardcopy or in an electronic format so that it can be read from a device having a visual display (e.g. smart phone, tablet or laptop PC, in vehicle unit) that is carried within the vehicle and that is accessible, to a DPTI Authorised Officer appointed under the *Road Traffic Act 1961* or a Police Officer, from outside the vehicle; and
- 3.1.5. If carrying a hard copy of the Notice, produce it when requested by an Authorised Officer appointed under the *Road Traffic Act 1961* or a Police Officer.

#### **4. DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this Notice:

- 4.1 A 'Low Loader Combination' means a Prime Mover and Low Loader operating up to a maximum length of 25 metres, maximum width of 3.5 metres, maximum height of 4.9 metres and maximum GCM of 59.5 tonnes, when transporting an indivisible item.
- 4.2 A low loader is a gooseneck semi-trailer with a loading deck no more than 1.0 metre above the ground and includes a low loader that is capable of being extended lengthways and/or in width.
- 4.3 'Indivisible' means an item that cannot be divided without great difficulty, expense or risk of damage.
- 4.4 'Approved Routes' are roads that the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure (or the Minister's Delegate) has approved under section 161A of the *Road Traffic Act 1961* for the operation of Low Loader combinations with a GCM up to 59.5 tonnes in accordance with this notice.

#### **5. COMMENCEMENT OF THIS NOTICE**

- 5.1. This Notice is valid from 12.01am on 2 July 2012.

#### **6. AUTHORISATION**

MARK ELFORD, DIRECTOR  
Road Transport Policy and Planning  
Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure  
Delegate for the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure