Concessional Mass Limits - Operation under the Heavy Vehicle National Law

This fact sheet provides information on operating at Concessional Mass Limits under the Heavy Vehicle National Law.

As a result of the introduction of the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) in South Australia transport operators will no longer require an exemption in the form of a gazette notice to operate at Concessional Mass Limits (CML). Schedule 2 of the Heavy Vehicle (Mass, Dimension and Loading) National Regulation (HVNL) incorporates all conditions and requirements previously provided under the South Australian gazette notice titled “Concessional Mass Limits for Vehicles Accredited under the Mass Management Module of the NHVAS” for vehicles operating at CML.

Concessional Mass Limits applies to a heavy vehicle if the heavy vehicle is not:
- a class 1 heavy vehicle; or
- a bus; or
- a combination consisting of a truck and a pig trailer.

For all vehicles operating at CML, the operator of a heavy vehicle must hold mass management accreditation for the vehicle.

For transport operators in South Australia the decision to incorporate CML in the HVNL reduces ‘red tape’ by eliminating the gazette notice previously required to gain access to the road network and removing the requirement to complete a “Route Compliance Certificate”.

The South Australian gazette notice previously limited vehicles operating at CML from travelling over seven bridge structures (refer to the attached maps, where the ★ depicts the location of the bridges). These restrictions will continue to apply and the following structures will now be signposted with the appropriate load restrictions:
1. Gumeracha Bridge – North East Road over River Torrens at Gumeracha
2. Murray Bridge – Murray Bridge to Monteith Road over the River Murray at Murray Bridge (Old Bridge)
3. Birkenhead Bridge – Over Port River at Port Adelaide (the lifting bridge)
4. Onkaparinga River Bridge – Saltfleet Street, Port Noarlunga
5. Jervois Bridge - Hart Street/ St Vincent over Port River
6. Rail Overway Bridge – Main Road, Belair / Blackwood
7. Church Hill Road Overpass – over South Road, Noarlunga.
B-Doubles and Road Trains will also be able to operate at CML on the general mass limit routes applicable to the vehicle configuration as specified on the South Australian RAVnet Map System. Operators must continue to meet the eligibility requirements such as participation in mass management accreditation.

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Murray Bridge – Murray Bridge to Monteith Road
Birkenhead Bridge – Over Port River at Port Adelaide (the lifting Bridge)

Onkaparinga River Bridge – Saltfleet Street, Port Noarlunga
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