



Road Transport Reform (Oversize and Overmass Vehicles) Amendment Regulations 2005 (No.)¹

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I, PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, make the following Regulations under the *Road Transport Reform (Vehicles and Traffic) Act 1993*.

Dated 2005

Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

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Minister for Transport and Regional Services

1 Name of Regulations

These Regulations are the *Road Transport Reform (Oversize and Overmass Vehicles) Amendment Regulations 2005 (No.)*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on the day after they are registered.

3 Amendment of Road Transport Reform (Oversize and Overmass Vehicles) Regulations

Schedule 1 amends the Road Transport Reform (Oversize and Overmass Vehicles) Regulations.

Schedule 1 Amendments

(regulation 3)

[1] Regulation 1

substitute

1 Name of Regulations

- (1) These Regulations are the *Road Transport Reform (Oversize and Overmass Vehicles) Regulations 1995*.

[2] Subregulation 10 (2)

substitute

- (2) Without limiting the generality of subregulation 10 (1):
- (a) the conditions of a permit must include the conditions set out in Parts 6, 7 and 7A of the Schedule that are applicable

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to the vehicle or combination to which the permit applies;
and

- (b) the conditions in Parts 6, 7 and 7A of the Schedule that apply to the vehicle or combination may be incorporated in the permit by referring to them rather than by setting them out in full.

[3] Schedule, subclause 3.1 (1)

omit

vehicles.

insert

vehicles travelling under notices.

[4] Schedule, subclause 3.6 (1)

substitute

- (1) A special purpose vehicle travelling under a notice must not tow a vehicle, unless another law of this jurisdiction allows it to do so.

Note A crane travelling under a permit may tow a trailer under certain conditions. See Part 7A.

[5] Schedule, Part 6, heading

substitute

Part 6 Warning lights for oversize vehicles or combinations and for pilot or escort vehicles

[6] Schedule, Part 7, heading

substitute

Part 7 Warning signs for oversize vehicles and combinations, and pilot vehicles

[7] Schedule, subclause 7.2 (4)

substitute

- (4) The warning sign must display, in block letters not over 10 millimetres high:
- (a) the sign manufacturer's name or logo; and
 - (b) the brand and class of retro-reflective material used.

[8] Schedule, subclause 7.3 (2)

substitute

- (2) However, a warning sign may be made of flexible material if the sign:
- (a) is fitted so that it is taut and can be easily read by other road users; and
 - (b) complies with all other specifications in this Part.
- (3) A flexible warning sign that furls, becomes displaced or otherwise becomes difficult for other road users to read, does not comply with this Part.

[9] Schedule, clause 7.4, heading

substitute

7.4 Keeping signs clean and readable

[10] Schedule, after subclause 7.4 (1)

insert

- (2) A flexible warning sign on a vehicle must be kept taut and in place so that it can be easily read by other road users.

[11] Schedule, after Part 7

insert

Part 7A Special purpose vehicles travelling under permits

7A.1 Application of Part

- (1) This Part applies only to special purpose vehicles travelling under permits.

7A.2 Restriction on towing other vehicles

- (1) A special purpose vehicle travelling under a permit must not tow a vehicle.
- (2) However, a crane travelling under a permit may tow a trailer if the following conditions are complied with:
 - (a) the conditions specified in clause 7A.3;
 - (b) any other conditions under which the exemption is given.

7A.3 Conditions under which a crane may tow a trailer

- (1) Unless another law of this jurisdiction allows it:
 - (a) a crane towing a trailer must have no more than 5 axles; and
 - (b) when the crane and trailer are coupled, the length of the combination must not be greater than 19 metres.
- (2) The manufacturer's limit for any component of the crane, including the tow coupling, must not be exceeded.

Note An exemption must not be granted for a requirement that relates to a manufacturer's limit. See paragraph 9 (3) (a) of the Regulations.

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- (3) The load on the trailer must include only items that are associated with the operation of the crane.

Note Items associated with the operation of a crane include crane counterweights, chains, pulley blocks and anchors.

- (4) The mass of the trailer must not exceed the limits stated in clauses 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 of Part 1 of the Schedule to the Road Transport Reform (Mass and Loading) Regulations.

Note An exemption cannot be granted for a requirement that relates to a GVM or GCM. See paragraph 9 (3) (a) of the Regulations.

- (5) The swept path of the combination when turning a corner must not be greater than the swept path of the crane if the crane were turning the corner without towing the trailer.

[12] Schedule, subclause 8.6 (1), after definition of *fifth wheel coupling*

insert

flexible warning sign means a warning sign made of flexible material.

Note

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