

Guideline for Non-Standard Light Trailers

Including Agricultural Implements, Trailers and Drawn Plant
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1. Guideline authority

- 1.1. This guideline is issued under section 14(1)(a) of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2010* (the regulation) in accordance with section 22 of the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*.
- 1.2. This Guideline applies to light vehicles with an *aggregate trailer mass* of 4.5 tonnes or less. This guideline replaces Class Permit No. 051-TH-11 April 2011, from 1 July 2016.
- 1.3. For the replacement guideline/class permit heavy vehicles (vehicles with an *aggregate trailer mass* greater than 4.5 tonnes) contact the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.

2. Commencement

- 2.1. This guideline commences on 1 July 2016.

3. Provisions of the regulation that do not apply

- 3.1. A vehicle operating under this guideline is exempt from complying with sections of the regulation listed in Schedule 1.

4. Application

- 4.1. This guideline applies to the following items which have an *aggregate trailer mass* of 4.5 tonnes or less.
 - ***Agricultural trailers*** (load carrying).
 - ***Agricultural implements*** (including empty field bins).
 - Trailers loaded with *agricultural implements*.
 - ***Drawn plant*** if it is being towed by a conditionally registered vehicle suitably matched to the *drawn plant*.
 - An *agricultural implement* being towed by a suitably matched *complying vehicle* that is not a conditionally registered vehicle.
 - A trailer if it is being towed by a conditionally registered vehicle with limited access registration in accordance with the conditions of conditional registration.

5. Conditions

- 5.1. While operating under this guideline the following conditions apply:
 - a) Vehicles are to comply with the dimension limits in the regulation or a guideline issued under Section 14(1)(a) of the regulation.
 - b) Trailer or implement must be coupled to the tow vehicle in accordance with Part 12 Section 143 of the regulation.
 - c) Manufacturer's rating for tyres, axles and coupling are not to be exceeded.
 - d) The holder of this permit shall indemnify the Department of Transport and Main Roads and its employees, against any claim, action, or process for damage or injury that may be sustained against them due to the use of vehicles as specified.

6. Interpretation

- 6.1. Generally, the words used in this guideline have the meaning given by the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* or the regulation.
- 6.2. The dictionary in schedule 2 defines particular terms used in this guideline.

Schedule 1

Regulation Section Number Requiring Exemption	Title	Requirement
68(1)(2) 76(1) 77(1) 93(1)(6)(7) 96(1)(2)(3)	Tail lights Rear clearance lights Side marker lights Front & rear reflectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A trailer or implement is only exempt if it is being towed by a conditionally registered vehicle issued and complying with a location code (LO) and the vehicle is not permitted to operate between sunset and sunrise (TD). - A trailer or implement is only exempt if it is being towed by a conditionally registered vehicle issued and complying with location limitation condition code LO1 or LO5 if the lights of the towing vehicle are not obscured by the trailer or implement. - A trailer or implement being towed by a conditionally registered vehicle operating under a condition code LO5 is permitted to operate between sunset and sunrise if operating in a flood lit work site.
81(1)	Brake lights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A trailer or implement is only exempt if it is being towed by a conditionally registered vehicle issued and complying with location limitation condition code LO1 or LO5 or vehicle speed does not exceed 20 km/hr or the lights of the towing vehicle are not obscured by the trailer or implement. - An <i>agricultural implement</i> being towed by a vehicle that is not conditionally registered is exempt if the lights of the towing vehicle are not obscured by the implement.
87(1)(2)(3)	Direction indicator lights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A trailer or implement is only exempt if it is being towed by a conditionally registered vehicle issued and complying with location limitation condition code LO1 or LO5 or the lights of the towing vehicle are not obscured by the trailer or implement. - An <i>agricultural implement</i> being towed by a vehicle that is not conditionally registered is exempt if the lights of the towing vehicle are not obscured by the implement.
60, 68(4), 71(3), 74(3), 78, 87	Location of lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A vehicle is only exempt from these requirements if the lights are fitted as close as is practicable to the positions required by these sections.
114	Trailer Braking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A trailer or implement towed by a conditionally registered vehicle is exempt if the maximum speed of the vehicle combination does not exceed 50 km/hr. - An <i>agricultural implement</i> being towed by a vehicle that is not conditionally registered is exempt if the maximum speed of the vehicle combination does not exceed 50 km/hr.

Please Note: If the off road operation of a trailer or implement is likely to cause damage to any lamp required by this permit the lamp may be retractable or removable for off road operation. (*For example a removable light board may be fitted to the rear of a plough*)

Schedule 2

For the purpose of this guideline:

aggregate trailer mass — the total mass of the laden trailer when carrying the maximum load recommended by the manufacturer. This will include any mass imposed onto the drawing vehicle when the combination vehicle is resting on a horizontal supporting plane.

agricultural implement means a vehicle without its own motive power, built to perform agricultural tasks, e.g. augers, conveyors, empty field bins, harvester fronts.

agricultural machine means a machine as defined under the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2010*, Schedule 8.

agricultural trailer (load carrying) means a trailer designed and used to carry *agricultural vehicles* or equipment that is used to repair *agricultural vehicles*.

agricultural vehicle means an *agricultural implement* or an *agricultural machine* and includes any load (another *agricultural vehicle* or equipment that is used to repair *agricultural vehicles*) upon the vehicle.

complying motor vehicle means a vehicle built to comply with the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management - Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2010* and having current registration for road use.

drawn plant means a machine built on a trailer base, other than an *agricultural implement*.