

Guideline for over-dimension light trailers carrying harvester combs in Queensland

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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 replaces and repeals the Comb Trailer Class Permit No. 172-TH-12 June 2012, from commencement.

2. Commencement

- 2.1. This guideline commences on 1 July 2015.

3. Provisions of the regulation that do not apply

- 3.1. A vehicle operating under this guideline is exempt from complying with Section 13H (Length—trailers) part (2) of the regulation.

4. Application

- 4.1. This guideline applies to combinations which include a comb trailer being towed by an agricultural machine or a complying motor vehicle.
- 4.2. This guideline applies to the movement of loaded and unloaded comb trailers with an aggregate trailer mass of 4500kg or less.

5. Operational

- 5.1. While operating under this guideline, a comb trailer loaded with a header comb—
 - a) must comply with the Form 14 Guideline as it applies to agricultural vehicles, as defined under the Form 14 Guideline, except as otherwise provided by this guideline; and
 - b) may only be used to carry—
 - i. the comb of a combine harvester; and
 - ii. other items associated with the performance of the comb's functions; and
 - iii. equipment used to repair agricultural vehicles;
 - c) must not, when being towed by an agricultural machine, exceed the comb trailer's aggregate trailer mass and the tyre and axle manufacturer's ratings; and
 - d) must not, when being towed by a motor vehicle, exceed any of the following—
 - i. the towing vehicle's towing capacity;
 - ii. the comb trailer's aggregate trailer mass;
 - iii. the comb trailer's tyre and axle manufacturer's ratings or towing mass ratios; and,
 - e) must not exceed 80km per hour.

6. Dimensions

6.1. Light comb trailers

- a) The front articulation point to the rear overhang line may exceed 9.5m
- b) The front articulation point to the rear of the trailer may exceed 12.3m

7. Travel Restrictions

- 7.1. A vehicle operating under this guideline with an excess dimension permitted in section 6 is limited to routes or areas authorised under the Form 14 Guideline.

8. Standards

- 8.1. All trailers must comply with the requirements of Vehicle Standards Bulletin 1 (VSB1): National Code of Practice – Building Small Trailers. VSB 1 can be accessed at https://infrastructure.gov.au/roads/vehicle_regulation/bulletin/vsb1/

9. Conditions – General

- 9.1. It is a condition of this guideline that the driver of a vehicle operating under this guideline must carry a copy of this guideline and produce it to an authorised officer when requested.

10. Interpretation

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

Schedule 2

For the purpose of this guideline:

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

comb trailer means a trailer specifically designed and constructed for transporting the comb (the reaping implement) of a combine harvester and associated equipment and is deemed to be an “agricultural vehicle”.

combine harvester means a machine which simultaneously combines the operations of reaping, threshing and winnowing grain crops.

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.

form 14 Guideline means the *Guideline for Excess Dimension Agricultural Vehicles and Agricultural Combinations; Vehicle and Drivers Form Number 14*, Version 4, October 2013.

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