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*Motor Vehicles Act 1949*

## **Exemption from axle mass and vehicle width limits for a specified class of emergency vehicle**

I, Simon Phillip Saunders, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, under section 59(2) of the *Motor Vehicles Act 1949*, grant the exemption identified in Item 1 of the Schedule below (referred to herein as “Exemption”) to each vehicle that is within the class of vehicles described in Item 2 of the Schedule below (“Exempt Class”), on the conditions specified in Item 3 of the Schedule below (referred to herein as “Conditions”).

Dated 12 April 2019

S. P. Saunders  
Registrar of Motor Vehicles

### **Schedule**

#### **1. Exemption**

Subject to the Conditions, a vehicle within the Exempt Class is exempt from:

- (a) the axle mass limits that would otherwise apply pursuant to regulation 7(b) of the *Motor Vehicles (Standards) Regulations 2003*; and
- (b) the vehicle width limits that would otherwise apply pursuant to Rule 66(1) of the Australian Vehicle Standards Rules as contained in Schedule 6 of the *Motor Vehicles (Standards) Regulations 2003*.

2. **Exempt Class**

A vehicle is within the Exempt Class at those times when the vehicle:

- (a) is owned and operated by Airservices Australia as established by the *Air Services Act 1995 (Cth)*; and
- (b) is affixed with an identification plate bearing the approval number 34091; and
- (c) is described as:

Make: Rosenbauer Panther 6x6

Model: Airport Fire Vehicle.

3. **Conditions**

- (a) **Axle mass carrying condition.** The mass carried on any axle of the vehicle:
  - (i) must not cause a component part of the axle and suspension system to exceed the mass limit of the component part as specified by the manufacturer of that part; and
  - (ii) must not exceed the lesser of:
    - (1) the mass carrying limit of the axle and suspension system as set by its manufacturer; or
    - (2) 11000 kilograms.
- (b) **Gross vehicle mass condition.** For the avoidance of all doubt regarding the effect of the Condition contained in paragraph (a) of this Item 3, the vehicle must not carry a load which causes the vehicle to exceed its gross vehicle mass.
- (c) **Vehicle width condition.** The vehicle must not be over 3.1 metres wide. For the purpose of this condition, the width of the vehicle is measured without taking into account any anti-skid device mounted on wheels, central tyre inflation systems, lights, mirrors, reflectors, signalling devices and tyre pressure gauges.
- (d) **Vehicle warning signs and light conditions.** The vehicle must use warning signs and lights complying with all of the specifications and requirements referred to in section 3 of the Permit Guidelines for Oversize and Overmass Vehicles Version 6 dated February 2018 as published by the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics of the Northern Territory Government (referred to in this Instrument as “the Guideline”), except that:
  - (i) warning flags are not required; and
  - (ii) the spacing between side marker lights must not be greater than 4.5 meters; and

- (iii) the requirement to use headlights and rotating flashing amber warning beacon/lights referred to in the Guideline do not apply when the vehicle is used as an “emergency vehicle” in accordance with the “Authorisation to use emergency vehicle” issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles on 7 March 2019; and
- (iv) the dimensions of an “Oversize” warning sign must meet or exceed the following:

	Front	Rear
Overall Sign Width	680mm	830mm
Overall Sign Height	200mm	230mm
“Oversize” Text Height	90mm	140mm
Top & Bottom Gap between Text & Edge of Sign	55mm	45mm
Border Width	5mm	10mm

- (e) **Restricted travel conditions.** The vehicle must not travel:
  - (i) in the Darwin and Alice Springs urban areas between the hours of:
    - (1) 0700 and 0900; and
    - (2) 1600 and 1800; or
  - (ii) in low light or adverse weather conditions, except at those times when:
  - (iii) the vehicle is being used as an “emergency vehicle” in accordance with the “Authorisation to use emergency vehicle” issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles on 7 March 2019; or
  - (iv) it is reasonably necessary to drive the vehicle in connection with an emergency.