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Motor Vehicles Act 1949

Road Train Steer Axle Mass Exemption

I, Simon Phillip Saunders, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, under section 59(2) of the *Motor Vehicles Act 1949*, exempt the class of vehicles identified in Item 1 of the Schedule to this instrument (referred to in this instrument as “Exempt Class”), from regulation 7 of the *Motor Vehicles (Standards) Regulations 2003* in so far as it provides for a maximum load limit for vehicles fitted with a single steer axle or a twinsteer axle group with a load-sharing suspension system, on the conditions specified in Item 3 of the Schedule to this instrument.

Dated 14 May 2019

S. P. Saunders
Registrar of Motor Vehicles

Schedule

1. **Exempt Class.** Any vehicle which satisfies all of the criteria specified in Item 2 of this Schedule is within the exempt class, but only at those times when all of those criteria are satisfied.
2. **Qualifying Criteria**
 - (a) **Criteria 1**
 - (i) If the vehicle has a single steer axle, the tyres fitted to that axle must have a section width of at least 295 mm.
 - (ii) If the vehicle has a twinsteer axle group with a load-sharing suspension system, the four tyres fitted to that axle group must have a section width of at least 375 mm.

(b) **Criteria 2**

- (i) If the vehicle was manufactured on or after 1 July 1991, it must have been certified to comply with ADR 64, and satisfy one of the following:
 - (1) have the words "ROAD TRAIN" marked on a vehicle plate affixed to the vehicle, in accordance with ADR 61; or
 - (2) have the code "S8" marked on a modification plate affixed to the vehicle, approved in accordance with the heavy vehicle modification scheme in the state or territory where the modification plate was affixed.
- (ii) If the vehicle was manufactured before 1 July 1991, it must have been approved for use in a road train combination by the vehicle registration authority in the state or territory where the vehicle is registered.

3. **Conditions.** The conditions of the exemption are that the mass carried on the axle or axle group:

- (a) must not cause a component part of the axle or axle group and suspension system to exceed the limit specified by the manufacturer of that part; and
- (b) must not exceed the lesser of:
 - (i) the mass carrying limit of the axle or axle group and suspension system as set by its manufacturer; or
 - (ii) the mass carrying limit specified in the following table for the type of axle or axle group:

Description of axle or axle group	Mass Limit (tonnes)
Single axle fitted with single tyres with section width of:	
(a) at least 295 mm, but less than 375 mm	6.5
(b) at least 375 mm	7.0
Twinsteer axle group with a load-sharing suspension system, fitted with single tyres with a section width of at least 375mm	12.0

4. **ADR.** A reference in this instrument to an ADR followed by a number is a reference to a third edition ADR (as defined in Schedule 6 of the *Motor Vehicles (Standards) Regulations 2003*) of that number, as amended from time to time.