



Submission to NZ Transport Agency On Draft Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016

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Dear Sir / Madam

Submission: Draft Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016

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Thank you for the opportunity for MTA to provide comment on the Draft Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016, regarding the views of and its effect on the automotive industry.

Yours sincerely



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Introduction

The Motor Trade Association (Inc) (MTA) was founded in 1917 and currently represents approximately 3,700 businesses within the New Zealand automotive industry and its allied services. Members of our association operate businesses including automotive repairers (both heavy and light vehicle), collision repairers, service stations, vehicle importers and distributors and vehicle sales. In total MTA members employ in excess of 40,000 staff across New Zealand.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016 and have the following comments to make.

Comments

Proposal number	Proposal	MTA comment
1	1A. Increase the gross mass limit for 7-axle combinations with a minimum wheelbase of 16.8m from 44,000kg to 45,000kg 1B. Increase the gross mass limit for 8-axle combinations with a minimum wheelbase of 17.4m from 44,000kg to 46,000kg.	MTA supports these proposals
2	Rationalise general access axle mass limits for many individual vehicles.	MTA supports this proposal
3	Provide an indicative list of indivisible loads.	MTA supports this proposal
4	Replace the existing weighing tolerances with a weighing tolerance of 500 kg (axles and gross mass) and 1,000 kg (axle sets and groups) for all heavy vehicles.	MTA supports this proposal
5	5A. Expand the current ability to apply for permits for additional axle limits for passenger service vehicles (buses) to include specified specialist vehicles: concrete mixers; rubbish trucks; and ground-spreader trucks. 5B. Provide increased axle mass limits, on permit only, for these specialised vehicles.	MTA supports these proposals

6	Increase the gross mass limits for approved over-length simple trailer combinations from 36,000kg to 40,000kg.	MTA supports this proposal
7	Amend the Rule to allow a new tyre size category (444mm or wider) and define standard tyres as tyres narrower than 355mm.	MTA supports this proposal
8	Extend maximum allowable width to 2.55m for standard vehicles, inclusive of load securing devices.	MTA supports this proposal MTA would like to see a public education campaign making motorists and other road users aware that vehicles can now be wider and take up a little more room on the roads.
9	9A. Allow close proximity monitoring devices. 9B. Constrain mirror width to current limits. 9C. Allow up to 25mm on either side of a vehicle for aerodynamic tabs.	MTA supports these proposals
10	10A. Extend maximum allowable height to 4.30m, inclusive of load securing devices. 10B. Allow operators with suitable technology to temporarily exceed the height limit when raising the vehicle to clear obstacles.	MTA supports these proposals 10A. MTA would however like to draw NZTA's attention to the fact that there are some older service stations where there may be clearance issues due to lower canopies. There may also be access issues with some workshops.
11	Allow heavy vehicle temporary exceptions from over dimension permitting for some HPMVs for towing or obtaining certification.	MTA supports this proposal
12	12A. Allow the Agency to have regard to traffic offending history in considering a permit application. 12B. Create critical conditions for over dimension permits. 12C. Clarify matters that may be	MTA supports these proposals

	<p>included as conditions.</p> <p>12D. Clarify the responsibilities of operators and pilots.</p> <p>12E. Allow Crane booms to be disassembled and moved as an over-dimension load.</p>	
13	<p>13A. Remove duty to use flags to mark edges for Category 4 loads.</p> <p>13B. Allow pilots to use sound warning devices.</p> <p>13C. All tractors between 2.5m and 3.1m to have the option to use a warning light or hazard panels to signify width.</p> <p>13D. Provide for the Transport Agency to be able to establish alternative warning signs for vehicles and pilots.</p> <p>13E. Remove requirement for all warning panels/signs to be frangible.</p> <p>13F. Define lighting by effect, not watts.</p>	MTA supports these proposals
14	<p>14A. Allow vehicles to travel in convoy, subject to piloting and traffic flow requirements.</p> <p>14B. Remove limitation on tyre rim size for Class 2 pilot vehicles.</p>	MTA supports these proposals
15	<p>15A. Minor changes to zone descriptions and motorway restrictions for Category 3 and 4 vehicles.</p> <p>15B. Apply travel restrictions when ANZAC Day falls on a Saturday.</p> <p>15C. Allow most dedicated fertiliser spreaders to be exempt from the time restrictions currently in Clause 6.6(11) of the 2002 Rule.</p>	MTA supports these proposals

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