



Vehicle Safety and Standards Section

Circular to Industry

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Restricted Access Vehicle (Agricultural Machine) Exemption Notice

*Please refer to Government Gazette No 64 (The Exemption Notice RTVSR-2014-00123)
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Background

Agricultural machines which exceed statutory mass or dimension limits are categorised as Class 1 Restricted Access Vehicles (RAVs) in West Australian Law. (Class 1 RAVs also includes special purpose vehicles and vehicles carrying oversize loads)

To enable these non-compliant vehicles to travel on public roads, Main Roads WA (MRWA) can issue a permit (for individual vehicles) or publish a Notice (to cover the vehicles as a group).

A Class 1 RAV must not be operated on public roads without a valid MRWA permit or Notice.

It has been identified that over the years there have been a significant number of Agricultural Machines operating on the roads without the required MRWA permit, which has left operators exposed to potential prosecution and other legal ramifications.

Main Roads WA (Heavy Vehicles Operations) and Department of Transport (Vehicle Safety & Standards Section) have worked together to develop a Class 1 RAV Agricultural Machine Notice, which is a legal instrument under the Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Regulations 2002.

It allows applicable Agricultural Machines to operate on the road without the need to obtain a MRWA permit.

Any Agricultural Machine that does not meet all of the eligibility criteria is not covered by the Exemption Notice and will still require a MRWA permit.

Applicable Agricultural Machines

The Notice applies only to a Class 1 Restricted Access Vehicle that

- is an Agricultural Machine; and
- has only a single axle to the front and a single axle to the rear of the vehicle; and
- has *Axle Spacing* between 1.83 metres and 10.00 metres; and
- has a mass limit for a single axle:
 - with 2 tyres no greater than 9 tonnes; and
 - with 4 or more tyres no greater than 12 tonnes; and

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- is licensed, or is covered by a valid *Special Permit*, or is being moved by a dealer using Trade Plates; and
- is operating in Western Australia within the approved Local Government boundaries listed in the Notice.

Dimension Limits

The Agricultural Machine operating under this Notice must **not** exceed the following dimension limits:

- Height 4.3 metres (4.6 metres on RAV Network 2)
- Length 12.5 metres (12 metres for Trade plates)
- Width 6.0 metres
- Rear overhang 4.5 metres (5.5 metres for an auger or conveyor)

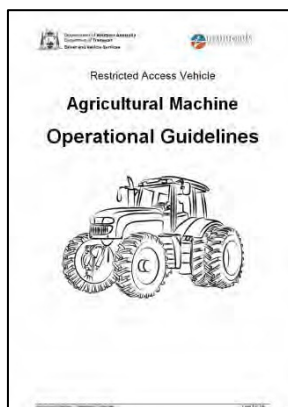
Approved Local Government Boundaries

An Agricultural Machine operating under this Notice must only travel within the Local Government boundaries listed in the Notice

Operational Guidelines

MRWA and Department of Transport have produced an Operational Guidelines document, which is available to download from the MRWA website

www.mainroads.wa.gov.au .



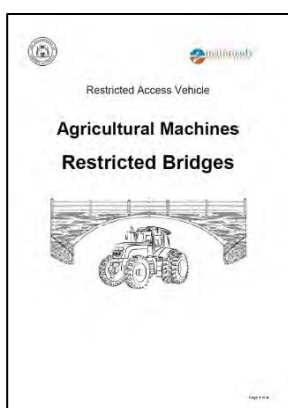
It contains information on:

- Warning devices (eg signs, lights and flags)
- Area and route conditions (eg speed restrictions)
- Pilot requirements
- Curfews
- Towing and Loading Restrictions

Following the Guidelines will ensure compliance with the requirements of the Exemption Notice.

Restricted Bridges

An Agricultural Machine operating under this Notice must not be driven on a bridge listed in the MRWA document “Agricultural Machines Restricted Bridges” which is available from the MRWA website www.mainroads.wa.gov.au .



Please note that under the Road Traffic Code 2000 it is an offence for a vehicle to cross a bridge if the vehicle has a mass limit in excess of the posted mass limit for the bridge.

Operating Outside the Exemption Notice

Any Class 1 Agricultural Machine that does not meet all of the eligibility criteria is not covered by the Exemption Notice and will still require a MRWA permit.

Any Class 1 Agricultural Machine travelling outside of the approved Local Government Boundaries is not covered by the Exemption Notice and will still require a MRWA permit.

Travel in Other States and Territories

Operators need to be aware that this exemption applies only to vehicles operating within West Australia.

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