



WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

PURSUANT to *section 152* of the Land Transport Act 1998, and after having had regard to the criteria specified in *section 164(2)* of that Act

I, *Michael Wood*, Minister of Transport,

make the following ordinary Rule:

Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass Amendment 2021

SIGNED AT Wellington

This 15th day of March 2021

Hon Michael Wood

Minister of Transport

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Objective of the Rule

The objective of *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass Amendment 2021* (this Rule) is to make amendments to *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016*, including:

- adding snow ploughs to the list of vehicles set out in clause 6.29(3) that are exempt from travel time restrictions when being used in an emergency; and
- adding a definition of snow plough; and
- amending the definition of tri-axle set to include single standard-tyred axles (and related amendments consistent with other land transport rules).

Extent of consultation

For the purposes of consultation, amendments proposed to *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016* and other land transport rules were combined into a single draft rule, the *Land Transport Rule: Regulatory Stewardship (Omnibus) Amendment 2020* (the Omnibus Amendment Rule). Following consultation, the provisions in the Omnibus Amendment Rule were split into separate amendment rules. The amendments to *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016* were put into this Rule.

The NZ Transport Agency sent out notifications of the amendment proposals by email to approximately 1861 groups and individuals who had registered an interest in the rules to be amended. The Omnibus Amendment Rule was made available, together with an overview document, on the NZ Transport Agency's website. Public consultation was carried out from 25 August 2020 to 16 October 2020. The availability of the amendment proposals for comment was publicised in the *Gazette* on 26 August 2020.

The NZ Transport Agency received 23 submissions on the Omnibus Amendment Rule, 1 of which was regarding the proposed amendments to *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016*. The submission received was taken into account in finalising this Rule, following which this Rule was submitted to the Minister of Transport for signing.

Section 1 Preliminary provisions

1.1 Title

This Rule is *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass Amendment 2021*.

1.2 Commencement

This Rule comes into force on 1 May 2021.

1.3 Principal Rule amended

This Rule amends *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016*.

Section 2 Amendments to principal Rule

2.1 Clause 6.29 amended (Exceptions to restricted travel times for unforeseen delays or emergency vehicles)

2.1(1) In clause 6.29(3)(h), replace “.” with “; or”.

2.1(2) After clause 6.29(3)(h), insert:

(i) a road controlling authority for the purpose of clearing snow, and that vehicle is a snow plough.

2.2 Part 2 amended (Definitions)

2.2(1) In Part 2, insert in the appropriate alphabetical order:

Snow plough means:

- (a) a vehicle designed for the purpose of clearing snow; or
- (b) a vehicle with equipment attached designed for the purpose of clearing snow.

2.2(2) In Part 2, definition of **Tri-axle set**, in paragraph (a), after “not less than 2 m”, insert “(or 1.8 m in the case of a single standard-tyred axles).”

2.2(3) In Part 2, definition of **Tri-axle set**, revoke paragraph (c).

2.3 Table 1.1B amended (Maximum mass on individual axles (on and after 1 December 2018))

In Table 1.1B, under the heading “Single standard tyres”, after paragraph (b), insert:

(ba) in a tri-axle set	3,000
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2.4 Table 1.3 amended (Maximum sum of axle mass on a tri-axle set)

In Table 1.3, at the end of the table, insert:

Three single standard-tyred axles (spaced 1.8 m or more and less than 3 m from the first axle to the last axle)—	8,200
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