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TRANSPORT NEWS

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New Restricted Access Vehicle Inspection Scheme

TRANSPORT SA RECENTLY ANNOUNCED that the South Australian Government has introduced an optional alternative system to the roadworthiness inspections previously required for new heavy vehicles. It is intended to streamline first registrations for new vehicles that will be operating under restricted access (otherwise known as permit vehicles).

The alternative system allows a dealer or manufacturer to declare that the vehicle is in compliance with all regulatory requirements. A person who is authorised by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to conduct level 1 new vehicle inspections must complete the declaration

The system applies to the following:

- Truck/trailer combinations
- MAD/MAP combinations
- B Double
- B Triple
- A Double and Triple Road Trains.

The arrangement is limited to SA registered vehicles and does not include those in FIRS, Livestock Loading, NHVAS or VSB6 modified vehicle checks.

Transport SA says the arrangement is an interim one and is therefore subject to change. If you require more information on the scheme you may contact Mr Brian Boetcher (Team Leader Vehicle

Inspections) T: (08) 8348 9652 or Mr Michael Carmody (Vehicle Roadworthiness Assessor) T: (08) 8348 9637.

TEAM Welcomes their newest member, Anna Pigliacelli.



VEHICLES, SALES AND ROAD

TRANSPORT are all very familiar subjects to Anna who has had many years administrative experience in both the State government (Transport SA) and Peter Davey Toyota, one of Adelaide's most successful dealerships. It is with great pleasure that we welcome Anna to TEAM. Anna is taking over the roles performed by Megan Edwards, who is now

on maternity leave. Later in the year we expect that Anna and Megan will be working on a time-share arrangement with us.

For all you AFL followers, Anna is a Port Power supporter.

14.9 metre Refrigerated

Trailers get a green light in Victoria.

Vicroads says that refrigerated semi-trailers are now allowed to be up to 14.9 metres long. This is to improve the productivity of refrigerated food transportation vehicles and enhance temperature control to maintain food quality. Some vehicle dimension and route conditions apply.

For more information contact VicRoad's Permit Issuing Officers on (03) 9881 8853 or (03) 9302 8405. For e-mail contact: cvo@roads.vic.gov.au

Victoria now joins NSW who introduced the 14.9 metre refrigerated van dispensation early last year.

A copy of the NSW Exemption Notice is available at:

www.rta.nsw.gov.au/heavyvehicles/dwnloads/permitnotices/regfrigerated-semi-trailer-exemption-notice-2003.pdf

Transport SA has indicated that they are not intending to follow the Eastern Seaboard practice without an approved National Transport Commission (NTC) policy. TEAM is not aware of any other State's permitting these dimensions either; we therefore recommend that you check with the State or Territory that you operate in before using vans at these lengths.

NSW	RTA Motor Vehicle Registry offices Tel: 13 22 13
Victoria	VicRoads Bookshop Tel: (03) 9854 2782 or any VicRoads Office
South Australia	South Australia Transport SA Tel: 13 10 84
Western Australia	Department for Planning and Infrastructure Call Centre (08) 9427 6404
Northern Territory	Motor Vehicle Registry offices and Katherine Weighbridge Tel: 1300 654 628
Queensland	GoPrint Bookshop Brisbane Tel: (07) 3246 3399 Outside Brisbane 1800 679 778
Australian Capital Territory	Road User Services or any ACT Government Shopfront Tel: 13 22 81
Tasmania	Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources (DIER) Tel: (03) 6233 5347

particularly relevant for drivers and operators, it is also useful for vehicle designers and other participants in the transport chain.

The *Guide* continues to provide basic safety principles and details the performance standards

that should be followed for the safe carriage of loads on road vehicles. It also offers clarity on technical complexities and general principles, and how to test load restraint systems.

TEAM advises that if you cannot afford the cost of damaged or lost loads, then you cannot afford to be without the *Guide* - nor can you ignore the information it provides.

The *Guide* can be purchased from any of the organisations

listed in the table on this page.

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Fleet planning; dispute resolution; Road Vehicle Certification System (RVCS) submissions; vehicle specifications; accident investigations; expert witness.

Safe Handling of Freight

THE *SAFE HANDLING CONTRACT LETTER* IS THE FINAL SUBJECT in the series we have been running on the safe handling of freight. For your copy click on this link:

www.workcover.sa.gov.au/ftp/documents/roadContractLetter.pdf

Should you wish to re-visit any of the past subjects they are available at the following web link:

www.workcover.sa.gov.au/safer/roadfreight/roadSafeHandling.asp

I trust you have found the series informative and of value.

Load Restraint Guide Revised

AUSTRALIA'S *LOAD RESTRAINT GUIDE* IS AN IMPORTANT RESOURCE that helps reduce road fatalities, injuries and traffic congestion.

The second edition has been entirely reformatted following feedback from the road transport industry. It is now more user friendly, and while

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