

Motor Vehicle Registry Information Bulletin

V10- NT Livestock Loading Scheme

Introduction

The Northern Territory Livestock Loading Scheme allows for the safe and efficient transport of livestock at optimum loading densities, providing vehicle dimension and safety as well as animal welfare requirements are strictly adhered to.

Who may enter the scheme?

Entry to the scheme is available to both Northern Territory and Interstate operators, but is not compulsory. Normal load limits will apply to all other livestock vehicles

Entry Requirements

NT Registered vehicles and Interstate Registered vehicles that are not participating in a Livestock Loading Scheme in their jurisdiction of registration and are seeking entry to the NT scheme must present each unit (truck, trailer, and dolly) to a Vehicle Standards Centre in Darwin, Katherine or Alice Springs for a Transport Inspector to carry out a specific Livestock Loading technical inspection. Tare mass details are required for each trailer.

Interstate Registered vehicles that are participating in a Livestock Loading Scheme in their jurisdiction of registration and have evidence of that, do not require a vehicle entry inspection, however may operate at the increased mass limits, provided they have a current NT Livestock Loading Permit.

There is no requirement for on going annual Livestock Loading vehicle inspections, unless the operator advises of changes to the tare mass of a trailer.

Technical Requirements

The NT scheme is open to double decker livestock transport vehicles in either double or triple configuration. All trailers, including dollies, must be fitted with dual tyred axle groups and may be fitted with Road Friendly or Steel Suspension.

Livestock loads are not to exceed 420 kg per square metre of deck space

For vehicles operating under a current NT Livestock Loading permit of exemption, maximum axle mass limits of 18.5 tonne on dual tyred tandem axle groups and 25 tonne on dual tyred tri-axle groups are applicable.

Inspection and Placarding

All vehicles (truck, trailer, dolly) except those interstate registered vehicles that are participating in a Livestock Loading Scheme in their jurisdiction of registration, must be presented for inspection and assessment against the technical requirements as per Table 1.

NOTES: Where the rating or rating/roadworthiness inspection is carried out together with a Livestock inspection, a single inspection fee for each unit will apply.

Where only a Livestock inspection is carried out, separate inspection fees for each unit will apply.

On entry to the scheme, each vehicle will be placarded by Transport Inspectors with a livestock loading sticker to indicate compliance to tare mass and safety rating requirements.

Table 1: Minimum Technical Requirements

	Prime mover	Trailer	Dolly
GVM	* 24.5 tonne	N/A	N/A
GCM	*136.5 tonne	N/A	N/A
ATM	N/A	40 tonne	18.5 tonne
Tow Coupling	N/A	19 tonne	19 tonne
5th Wheel	177 KN	N/A	177 KN
King Pin	N/A	177 KN	N/A

*NOTE:

- GVM/GCM does not include exceeding the legal mass on the steer axle.
- 136.5 tonne is for a triple.

Table 2: Administration Fee for Trailers, based on the tare mass of the trailer

TARE MASS	FEE
>12 tonne to 13 tonne	\$24.00
>13 tonne to 14 tonne	\$300.00
>14 tonne to 15 tonne	\$600.00
>15 tonne	Not permitted

Permits

All eligible Livestock vehicle operators wishing to transport Livestock at increased axle mass limits require a permit of exemption to operate on the NT road network.

Table 3 Permit Fee structure for combinations.

Trailer Tare Mass	Prime Movers	Trailers	Dollies	Total
Up to 13 tonne	\$18.00	\$24.00	\$18.00	\$126.00(triple) \$84.00 (double)
>13 to 14 tonne	\$18.00	\$300.00	\$18	\$954.00(triple) \$636.00 (double)

NOTE: A single permit is issued for the multi combination vehicle and the steer axle exemption is inclusive.

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