GrainFlow Fact Sheet - Victoria

SUBJECT:	Management of overloaded trucks during harvest in VIC					
RELEVANCE:	To all GrainFlow Staff, growers and carriers					
APPLICABLE TO:	All Grain Operations (Aust) sites					
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:	 203.5 Chain of Responsibility – Management of overloaded vehicles policy GrainFlow management of overloaded truck procedure Victoria Grain Harvest Management Scheme Management of overloaded vehicles section of the grower pre harvest PPT GrainFlow Policy Notification (Website) 					

SUBJECT DETAILS:

GML =General Mass Limit	CML = Concessional Mass Limit	HML = Higher Mass Limit
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Communication of key points for the management of overloaded vehicles for the harvest and the variances between the different states. This is a fact sheet only and the reference documents must be referred to for the detailed information.

It is our intention to have policies and procedures in place to deter transport operators from overloading heavy vehicles.

In Victoria we will operate under the Victorian Grain Harvest Management Scheme. Not all vehicles are eligible for this scheme. Eligible vehicles and their weight limits are available on the GrainFlow website and the VicRoads website at

https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/business-and-industry/heavy-vehicle-industry/grain-harvestmanagement-scheme

Overloaded Vehicle policy

All vehicles will have a Gross Vehicle Mass determined by the type of vehicle and any extra allowances available as per CML, HML, GHMS, Gazette Notice or Permit. Vehicles that exceed the allowable GVM will be divided into 2 categories

Less than or equal to 5% overloaded

Load accepted and notation of overload printed on the recieval ticket and advice on overload to driver, letter sent to Grower (NGR)

Exceeding 5% overloaded

Load accepted, notification on receival ticket of overload, Driver spoken to by site management, letter sent to Grower (NGR) and Carrier company if applicable. Future loads monitored to ensure overloading does not continue and other steps including banning taken if continued non-compliance.

All overloaded truck movements will be reported regularly to the relevant Road Transport Authority as required by participation in the Vic Roads GHMS. All deliveries are reported as a participator in the scheme

Summary

It is crucial to understand that our primary purpose in each state is to manage safety and compliance under the National Chain of Responsibility legislation. We must maintain records that are accurate and transparent and take every opportunity to deter people involved in the supply chain not to overload vehicles.

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