

Victorian Grain Harvest Management Scheme - FAQs

Q: What is the Victoria Grain Harvest Management Scheme and how does it affect me?

A: The Victorian Government has introduced a Grain Harvest Management Scheme to improve the productivity, safety and efficiency of the grain transport task. The GHMS has been designed to provide eligible vehicles with a 5% loading concession on vehicles delivering grain from the farm to a Participating Grain Receiver.

The GHMS will operate from 1 October 2017 to 30 April 2018, and will be reviewed at the end of the 2018 harvest. The scheme is designed to benefit the grain industry, the road transport industry and the wider community. It allows an efficient grain harvest while protecting road infrastructure by eliminating gross overloading through administrative compliance procedures.

Q: What are the operating guidelines under the new Victorian GHMS?

A: For more detail on the operating guidelines see Vic roads Grain Harvest Management Scheme – Operating Guidelines found on the following link:

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/~media/files/documents/business-and-industry/grainharvest/ghms--operating-guidelines.pdf?la=en>

Q: Will GrainFlow be participating in the scheme this harvest?

A: GrainFlow will implement the scheme for this harvest at our Victorian GrainFlow sites to accommodate growers and transport operators who are part of the scheme

Q: If I am not a part of the Victorian GHMS can I still deliver to GrainFlow?

A: For all growers and transport operators who are not part of the Victorian GHMS, GrainFlow will continue to accept deliveries in line with our current policies & procedures to ensure all growers have the opportunity to deliver their harvest to GrainFlow sites.

Q: What is the GrainFlow overloaded vehicle policy?

- A: This is a 3 strike policy with tolerances of
- GML issued a strike for anything >5%
 - CML issued a strike for anything >3%
 - HML issued strike for anything >1%

More detail on the policy can be found on the following link:

<http://www.grainflow.com.au/NR/rdonlyres/267B6B8E-1A6C-449F-B10B-BD8A4371916E/0/1718VictoriaharvestOverloadedVehicleFactSheet.pdf>

Q: As a grower/carrier am I better off or unchanged under the scheme?

- A: The conditions for a carrier / grower is either unchanged or better off under the scheme.

Example: Truck code 12 has a legal GML of 42.50 tonnes. Vehicle has 44.625 tonnes to deliver to the GrainFlow site.

Truck Code 12 (Prime mover, Tandem axle drive & Tri Axle trailer with dual wheels)

Alternative 1: Truck is under the scheme and is overweight

If this was 1617 harvest, then the vehicle would have been 5% over weight and the operator ran the risk of being prosecuted by the roads authorities.

The same vehicle operating under the GHMS during the 1718 harvest carrying 44.625 tonnes or 5% over the GML is now legal to do.

The truck in the example can now legally carry an additional 2,125 kg without the risk of being prosecuted.

Alternative 2: Truck is post 2002 but not on the scheme and is overweight:

As per previous seasons at GrainFlow, the truck will be unloaded at GrainFlow and issued a strike for being 5% overweight. This is a three strike policy, the third strike leading to truck being banned at GrainFlow sites.

Alternative 3: My truck is pre 2002 and not on the scheme and is 5% overweight:

As per previous seasons at GrainFlow, the truck will be unloaded at GrainFlow and issued a strike for being 5% overweight. This is a three strike policy, the third strike leading to truck being banned at GrainFlow sites.

For more information on the Victorian Grain Harvest Management Scheme please contact your local GrainFlow site or visit www.vicroads.vic.gov.au