



THE TRANSPORT (MEASUREMENT OF WEIGHT) NOTICE 1988

PURSUANT to section 2 (1) of the Transport Act 1962 (as substituted by section 2 (1) of the Transport Amendment Act 1972), the Minister of Transport hereby gives the following notice.

NOTICE

1. Title and commencement—(1) This notice may be cited as the Transport (Measurement of Weight) Notice 1988.

(2) This notice shall come into force on the 1st day of November 1988.

2. Interpretation—(1) In this notice, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“Axle” includes the wheel or wheels on the axle:

“Dynamic axle-weigher” means a device used to weigh successively each axle of a stationary vehicle or a moving vehicle:

“Group of axles” means any 2 or more consecutive axles of a vehicle or combination of vehicles:

“Portable wheel-weigher” means a portable device that—

(a) Is either mechanical or electronic; and

(b) Is designed to weigh a wheel of a stationary vehicle:

“Semi-trailer” means the trailing unit of an articulated vehicle:

“Simple trailer” means any trailer with a tow bar rigidly attached to the chassis or body of the trailer; but does not include a trailer equipped with a jinker pole:

“Testing authority” means—

(a) An Inspector of Weights and Measures; or

(b) An officer of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research; or

(c) Any other person approved under section 197 (1) (a) of the Transport Act 1962 for the purpose of testing weighing devices:

“Weighbridge” means a non-portable device that—

(a) Is either mechanical or electronic; and

(b) Is designed to weigh a single axle or simultaneously weigh 2 or more axles.

(2) For the purposes of this notice, a semi-trailer is deemed to be a separate vehicle, whether or not it is readily detachable from the tractor unit.

(3) References in this notice to the weight of 1 or more axles shall be read as if such references included the weight on any such axles.

3. Approved weighing devices—(1) The weighing devices described in subclause (2) of this clause are hereby approved for the purpose of recording the weight of a wheel, an axle, a group of axles, or a vehicle as required by the definition of the term “weight” in section 2 (1) of the Transport Act 1962.

(2) The approved weighing devices are—

- (a) Any weighbridge or dynamic axle-weigher or portable wheel-weigher that has been tested by a testing authority and found to be accurate;
- (b) Any weighbridge or portable wheel-weigher or dynamic axle-weigher that has been stamped with a mark of verification under the Weights and Measures Act 1987.

4. Manner of use of dynamic axle-weighers—(1) The site of any dynamic axle-weigher may have normal crossfall.

(2) Those sections of the approaches to any dynamic axle-weigher on which one part of the vehicle is supported while another is being weighed shall be reasonably level with the weighing platform.

(3) The weight of an axle may be obtained by placing the axle on or slowly moving the axle over a dynamic axle-weigher and noting the weight recorded.

(4) The weight, total weight, or gross weight of a group of axles may be obtained from a dynamic axle-weigher by adding the weights recorded in respect of each axle.

5. Manner of use of weighbridges—(1) Those sections of the approaches to any weighbridge on which one part of a vehicle stands while another part is being weighed shall be reasonably level with the weighing platform.

(2) The weight of an axle may be obtained at a weighbridge by either—

- (a) Placing the axle alone on the weighing platform and noting the weight recorded; or
- (b) Subtracting from the weight recorded when the axle is on the weighing platform at the same time as one or more other axles the weight recorded when the same one or more other axles are on the weighing platform alone.

(3) The weight, total weight, or gross weight of a group of axles may be obtained at a weighbridge by—

- (a) Placing the axles alone on the weighing platform and noting the weight recorded; or
- (b) Subtracting from the weight recorded when the group of axles is on the weighing platform at the same time as one or more other axles the weight recorded when the same one or more other axles are on the weighing platform alone; or
- (c) Adding the weights recorded on the axles and groups of axles making up the group for which the weight is required.

6. Manner of use of pits containing portable wheel-weighers—(1) The site of any pit containing portable wheel-weighers may have normal crossfall.

(2) The surface on which a vehicle stands while its axles are being weighed at a pit containing portable wheel-weighers shall be reasonably level with the platforms of the wheel-weighers.

(3) The weight of an axle may be obtained at any such pit by placing the axle on the platforms of the wheel-weighers and adding the weights recorded.

(4) The weight, total weight, or gross weight of a group of axles may be obtained at any such pit by adding the weights recorded on individual axles.

7. Manner of use of portable wheel-weighers on flat surface—(1) The weight of the axles of a vehicle may be obtained by using portable wheel-weighers in accordance with this clause on a surface that is reasonably level.

(2) The surface may have normal camber and normal crossfall.

(3) The portable wheel-weighers shall be placed on the surface and the vehicle driven up ramps to the platforms of the wheel-weighers.

(4) The weight of an axle may be obtained by placing the axle on the platforms of the wheel-weighers and adding the weights recorded.

(5) Where a single axle is being weighed,—

(a) If the vehicle has 3 or more axles, any axles not being weighed shall be raised to approximately the same level as the axles being weighed; and

(b) If the vehicle has 2 or more axles and is either a semi-trailer or a simple trailer, the point of attachment to the towing vehicle shall be raised the same amount.

(6) The weight, total weight, or gross weight of a group of axles may be obtained by simultaneously placing all axles of the group on wheel-weighers and adding the weights recorded, or by adding the weights recorded on individual axles, or by a combination of such methods in which each axle is taken into account only once.

(7) Where 2 or more axles are being weighed,—

(a) If the vehicle has any axles not in that group of axles, such axles shall be raised to approximately the same level as the axles being weighed; and

(b) If the vehicle is either a semi-trailer or simple trailer, the point of attachment of the trailer to the towing vehicle must also be raised the same amount.

(8) Where this clause requires the point of attachment of a trailer to the towing vehicle to be raised, this may be done by raising the axles of the towing vehicle to approximately the same level as the axles being weighed.

8. Revocation—The Transport (Measurement of Weight) Notice 1974* is hereby consequentially revoked.

*S.R. 1974/222

Dated at Wellington this 1st day of November 1988.

W. P. JEFFRIES,
Minister of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This notice, which comes into force on 1 November 1988, replaces the Transport (Measurement of Weight) Notice 1974.

The purpose of the notice is to approve types of weighing devices and prescribe the manner in which such devices are to be used, for the purposes of the Transport Act 1962 and the Road User Charges Act 1977. The former notice is recast and new provisions relating to dynamic axle-weighers (which weigh the axles of a vehicle while it is stationary or moving) are added.

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