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**THE TRANSPORT (MEASUREMENT OF WEIGHT)
NOTICE 1969**

PURSUANT to section 2 (1) of the Transport Act 1962 (as amended by section 5 (2) of the Transport Amendment Act 1968), 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 1969.

(2) This notice shall come into force on the 1st day of April 1969.

2. Approved weighing devices—The weighing devices described in the First Schedule to this notice 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 “weight” in the said section 2 (1) of the Transport Act 1962.

3. Manner of use of weighing devices—The methods described in the Second Schedule to this notice are hereby prescribed as the methods by which the said devices shall be used for weighing a wheel, an axle, a group of axles, or a vehicle.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

APPROVED WEIGHING DEVICES

Any weighbridge or portable wheel-weigher having impressed thereon a stamp of verification in accordance with the provisions of the Weights and Measures Act 1925.

SECOND SCHEDULE

MANNER OF USE

1. Definitions—In this Schedule,—

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

“Group of close axles” means any two or more consecutive axles of a vehicle with a spacing of less than 91 in. between the centres of adjacent axles:

“Semi-trailer” means the trailing unit of an articulated vehicle. In this Schedule a semi-trailer is deemed to be a separate vehicle, whether or not it is readily detachable from the tractor unit:

SECOND SCHEDULE—continued

“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.

2. Method of weighing:**(1) At a Weighbridge:**

- (a) Those sections of the approaches to the weighbridge on which one part of the vehicle stands while another part is being weighed shall be reasonably level with the weighing platform.
- (b) The weight on an axle may be obtained by either—
 - (i) Placing the axle alone on the weighing platform and noting the weight recorded; or
 - (ii) 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.
- (c) The weight on a group of two or more axles may be obtained by either—
 - (i) Placing the axles of the group alone on the weighing platform and noting the weight recorded; or
 - (ii) 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.
- (d) The gross weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles may be obtained by either—
 - (i) Placing all the axles of the vehicle or combination of vehicles on the weighing platform at the same time and noting the weight recorded; or
 - (ii) Adding the weights recorded on the groups of axles and individual axles making up the vehicle or combination of vehicles.

(2) At a Pit Containing Portable Wheel-weighers:

- (a) The surface on which the vehicle stands while its axles are being weighed shall be reasonably level with the platforms of the wheel-weighers.
- (b) The weight on an axle may be obtained by placing the axle on the platforms of the wheel-weighers and adding the weights recorded.
- (c) The weight on a group of close axles may be obtained by simultaneously placing all axles of the group on wheel-weighers and adding the weights recorded.
- (d) The gross weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles may be obtained—
 - (i) Where all the axles of the vehicle or combination of vehicles are included in groups of close axles, by adding the weights on the groups of close axles:
 - (ii) Where some but not all of the axles of the vehicle or combination of vehicles are included in a group or groups of close axles, by adding to the weights on the group or groups of close axles the weights on the other axle or axles:

SECOND SCHEDULE—continued

(iii) Where none of the axles of the vehicle or combination of vehicles is included in a group of close axles, by adding the weights on all the axles.

(3) *On a Flat Surface with Portable Wheel-weighers:*

- (a) The surface shall be reasonably level but may have normal camber and crossfall. The wheel-weighers shall be placed on the surface and the vehicle driven up ramps to the platforms of the wheel-weighers.
- (b) The weight on an axle may be obtained by placing the axle on the platforms of the wheel-weighers and adding the weights recorded.

If the vehicle has three or more axles or if it has one or more groups of close axles, any axles of the vehicle which are not being weighed must also be raised to approximately the same level as the axles being weighed.

Also, if the vehicle has two axles and is either a semi-trailer or a simple trailer, the point of attachment of the trailer to the towing vehicle must also be raised the same amount. This may be done by raising the axles of the towing vehicle to approximately the same level as the axles being weighed.

- (c) The weight on a group of close axles may be obtained by placing all axles of the group on wheel-weighers simultaneously and adding the weights recorded.

If the vehicle has any axles which are not included in the group, these axles must also be raised to approximately the same level as the axles being weighed.

Also, if the vehicle is either a semi-trailer or a simple trailer, the point of attachment of the trailer to the towing vehicle must also be raised the same amount. This may be done by raising the axles of the towing vehicle to approximately the same level as the axles being weighed.

- (d) The gross weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles may be obtained—

(i) Where all the axles of the vehicle or combination of vehicles are included in groups of close axles, by adding the weights on the groups of close axles:

(ii) Where some but not all of the axles of the vehicle or combination of vehicles are included in a group or groups of close axles, by adding to the weights on the group or groups of close axles the weights on the other axle or axles:

(iii) Where none of the axles of the vehicle or combination of vehicles is included in a group of close axles, by adding the weights on all the axles.

Dated at Wellington this 25th day of March 1969.

J. B. GORDON, Minister of Transport.

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