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### ROAD TRANSPORT ACT 2013

#### EXEMPTION ORDER

#### SECTION 19

#### *Ministerial (Heavy Vehicle Registration Charges and Fees for Primary Producers) Exemption Order 2018*

I, Melinda Pavey, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, pursuant to section 19(1) of the *Road Transport Act 2013*, make this Order.

MELINDA PAVEY  
Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight

Dated, this 25th day of October 2018

#### 1. Citation

This Order is the *Ministerial (Heavy Vehicle Registration Charges and Fees for Primary Producers) Exemption Order 2018*.

#### 2. Commencement

This Order has effect on and from 1 July 2018.

#### 3. Effect

This Order remains in force up to and including 30 June 2020 unless revoked earlier.

#### 4. Interpretation

Words and expressions used in this Order have the same meaning as in the *Road Transport Act 2013* unless otherwise stated.

“chargeable heavy vehicle”, “registration charge” and “primary producer’s vehicle” are defined in clauses 1 and 3 of Schedule 2 of the Act.

#### 5. Legislation

“Act” means the *Road Transport Act 2013*.

“Regulation” means the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2017*.

#### 6. Vehicles to which this Notice applies

This Order applies to a chargeable heavy vehicle that is a primary producer’s vehicle.

#### 7. Declaration

A chargeable heavy vehicle to which this Order applies is declared to be exempt from the following requirements under cl.10(1)(c) of the Regulation:

- (a) registration charges (incorporating the road component and the regulatory component) applicable pursuant to Schedule 2 of the Act and Schedule 4 of the Regulation; and
- (b) the applicable fee for the registration of the vehicle pursuant to Schedule 3 of the Regulation.

For the avoidance of doubt, this Exemption Order is also an exemption pursuant to clause 10(2) of Schedule 4 of the Regulation (in relation to vehicles to which this Notice applies) that are registered conditionally.

#### 8. Scope of Order

This Order operates for a limited period of 24 months between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2020 (‘the operating period’). The Order provides that an eligible vehicle may benefit from the exemption during the operating period only. A vehicle that is registered (or for which registration is renewed) during the operating period will be exempt from fees and charges for the portion of registration that falls within the operating period, but will be liable for the relevant fees and charges applicable for the period beyond 30 June 2020 calculated on a pro-rata basis.

#### 9. Publication

This Order is published in the NSW Government Gazette.

**Explanatory notes:**

On 5 September 2018, the NSW Government announced that chargeable heavy vehicles registered to primary producers would be exempt from registration costs for a period of 2 years from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2020. The announcement also stated that primary producers who had paid for registration between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2018 would be eligible for a partial refund of heavy vehicle registration charges paid during those years.

Registration of a chargeable heavy vehicle in NSW requires payment of a registration charge under national uniform legislation and does not incur the obligation to pay state motor vehicle (weight) tax under the *Motor Vehicles Taxation Act 1988*.

This Order does not exempt vehicle owners from compliance with applicable third party insurance legislation or fees relating to number-plates or vehicle inspections.

This Order is required in order to give proper effect to the NSW Government announcement, with respect to relevant vehicles that do not fall within clause 10(1) of Schedule 4 of the Regulation.

Signed:

Melinda Pavey

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