

**Scottish Trunk Road Network Management Contract**

**Schedule 2 - Scope - Appendix 9 Abnormal Loads**

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#### Attachment 9.1.1 – A Guide to Notification and Authorisation of Abnormal Indivisible Load Movements

The following is a guide to notification and authorisation requirements for the movement of abnormal indivisible loads:

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##### A. Dimensions within "Construction & Use Regulations"

Laden dimensions **not** exceeding:

2.90m (9'6") overall width,	No requirement for notice to Transport Scotland, the Police or for notice with indemnity to Road & Bridge Authorities
18.65m (61'2") rigid length or	
40,000kgs (40t) gross weight	

**The Secretary of State's authorisation is not required for the movement of abnormal indivisible loads with laden dimensions as stated above.**

##### Dimensions within "Special Types General Order"

Laden dimensions in excess of "Construction & Use Regulations" but **not** exceeding:

6.1m (20'0") overall width *	2 Clear Working Days notice to Police
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\* Secretary of State "VR1" authorisation is required for the movement of abnormal indivisible loads **with an overall width in excess of 5.0m (16'5") but not exceeding 6.1m (20'0")**. The **VR1 authorisation requires 2 weeks notice to Highways England.**

30.0m (98'5") rigid length	2 Clear Working Days notice to Police
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80,000kgs (80t) gross weight	2 Clear Working Days notice with indemnity to Road & Bridge Authorities
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over 80,000kgs (80t) but not exceeding indemnity 150,000kgs (150t) gross weight

5 Clear Working Days notice with to Road & Bridge Authorities **and**

2 Clear Working Days notice to Police

#### C. Dimensions requiring Special Order

Laden dimensions exceeding:

6.1m (20'0") overall width\*\*

5 Clear Working Days notice with indemnity to Road & Bridge Authorities **and**

5 Clear Working Days notice to Police

**\*\* Secretary of State "HA form BE 16" authorisation is required for the movement of loads with an overall width in excess of 6.1m (20'0"). The BE16 authorisation requires 10 weeks notice to the Highways England.**

30.0m (98'4") rigid length\*\*\*

5 Clear Working Days notice with indemnity to Road & Bridge Authorities **and**

5 clear Working Days notice to Police

**\*\*\* Secretary of State "HA form BE 16" authorisation is required for the movement of loads with an overall length in excess of 30.0m (98'5"). The BE16 authorisation requires 10 weeks notice to Highways England.**

150,000kgs (150t) gross weight and/or 16,500kgs (16.5t) per axle\*\*\*\*

5 Clear Working Days notice with indemnity to Road & Bridge Authorities **and**

5 Clear Working Days notice to Police

**\*\*\*\* Secretary of State "HA form BE 16" authorisation is required for the movement of loads with an overall weight exceeding 150,000kgs (150t) and/or 16,500kgs (16.5t) per axle. The BE16 authorisation requires 10 weeks notice to Highways England.**

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**Secretary of State's "Special Order" authorisation is required for the movement of abnormal indivisible loads with laden dimensions as stated above.**

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#### **NOTES**

1. At present there is no legislation governing the overall laden height of a vehicle but in order that the maximum possible use is made of the motorway and Trunk Road network, the overall laden height should not exceed 4.95m (16'3").
2. "Clear Working Days notice" excludes Saturdays, Sundays, bank holidays or public holidays.
3. The Transport Scotland Bridges Section offers an advisory service to the operating companies on the routing of abnormal indivisible loads on the Trunk Road network, including those loads within the laden dimensions stated in Part A of this Annex which do not require the Secretary of State's authorisation or notification to Transport Scotland.