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New Load Exemption Notice for Wool, Cotton and Hay in NSW

The NSW Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) have announced that the current 2011 exemption notices in place in NSW for the transportation of Wool Bales, Baled or Rolled Hay and Straw, and Cotton will be consolidated into a single Notice being the **Class 3 Baled Agricultural Commodities Load Exemption Notice 2012**.

The NSW Class 3 Baled Agricultural Commodities Load Exemption Notice 2012 **will be effective on and from 6 July 2012 up to and including 30 April 2017**.

The Notice is consistent with the existing load width exemption notices which allows loads of baled wool, hay, straw and cotton up to 2.7 metres wide to be carried on vehicles that are constructed no wider than 2.5 metres. Loads between 2.5 and 2.6 metres are not subject to any additional travel conditions. However, loads between 2.6 and 2.7 metres must observe travel conditions and warning device requirements.

Roads and Maritime Services Director, Customer and Compliance Peter Wells said RMS welcomed the wool industry's approach to the reforms which have been implemented to increase safety and improve productivity for the NSW community. The current AWEX wool pack trials give us confidence that the wool industry is being proactive in addressing the issue of over length of wool bales.

"This is welcome news for the wool industry," says Mark Grave, AWEX CEO. "The wool industry has been actively working with the NSW Roads and Maritime Services to address the issue of over width loads of wool bales."

Mark Grave said "AWEX will continue to complete the trials on new wool pack designs and we have kept the NSW RMS briefed on the progress of these trials. NSW RMS have been very helpful in assisting us where possible and they now have a full appreciation of the issue".

"This is a good example of the wool industry working together."

The full details of the exemption Notice, Appendix 1 – NSW Approved Routes and Travel Restrictions and Appendix 2 – Warning Devices and Travel Restrictions are available on the AWEX web site – www.awex.com.au

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