NPCC Abnormal Load Guidance - Appendices

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Example - Action Checklist Abnormal Loads Officer

The Abnormal Load Department is required to administer abnormal load notifications in accordance with The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986, The Road Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (General) Order 2003 and Special Orders.

Notifications can be received via email, post, Electronic Service Delivery for Abnormal Loads (ESDAL) or Cascade Abhaulier websites.

Procedures required on receipt of a notification:

a) Details of the notification should be entered into an accessible database and retained along with any relevant correspondence, decisions and supporting rationale.

b) The proposed route, load characteristics and movement time should be risk-assessed to maximise the safety of the public and those involved in the movement.

c) If the proposed route is unsuitable, adversely affected by roadworks or other factors an alternative route should be identified in consultation with the haulier and any other forces or agencies involved.

d) The notification should be assessed to determine whether an escort is required.

e) If a police escort is requested by the haulier or required in line with the guidance, arrangements should made to provide the staff necessary to facilitate the safe movement of the load and costs recovered from the haulier under the NPCC Special Police Services guidelines.

f) Where a load is required to negotiate a single pinch point police assistance may be provided without charge, however, this will be subject to competing operational demand.

g) It is the responsibility of all concerned in the movement of abnormal loads to ensure that the utmost safety is observed. The increase in self-escorting has significantly shifted responsibility onto hauliers, drivers and escort personnel. However, there is still a duty of care for police abnormal load departments to ensure that notifiable loads are moved on a suitable route at appropriate times of the day.

Appendix B

ABNORMAL INDIVISIBLE LOAD GENERAL DISPENSATION

Reference:

THE ROAD VEHICLES (CONSTRUCTION AND USE) REGULATIONS 1986
GENERAL DISPENSATION

Granted to:

Valid from: **To:**

This document certifies that the above-named company has been authorised to dispense with providing a minimum of two working days' notice in advance of the movement of abnormal indivisible loads on any road within the …… Police area, subject to the following conditions.

Although the notice period has been dispensed with, the requirement to submit notifications under Schedule 12 of the Road Vehicles (Construction & Use) Regulations 1986 remains unchanged.

This dispensation is granted on the condition that it is valid only for vehicles operated by the named company in the course of its business.

CONDITIONS

The Chief Constable, in these circumstances, imposes the following conditions:

1. Movements are prohibited during the following times:

   Monday - Friday *07:00 - 09:00 hours,*

   16:00 - 18:00 hours,

   During the hours of darkness, unless the route exclusively utilises roads listed in *'Chart A - key routes around the county'*.

2. The load must not exceed 3.5 metres in width.

3. The overall length and gross vehicle weight must not exceed those permitted under the Road Vehicles (Construction & Use) Regulations 1986 (no more than 18.65 metres rigid length and/or a GVW of not more than 44,000 kg).

4. This dispensation is only valid for movements in the …… Police area.

5. An accurate route plan and risk assessment will be completed by the haulier prior to any movement.

6. The movement does not deviate from the notified route.

7. No more than two loads are to travel together at any given time.

8. The load must fully comply with the approved Code of Practice for Lighting and Marking for Special Order, VR1, STGO and C&U loads.

9. Drivers of abnormal indivisible load vehicles, including agricultural vehicles, in excess of 9'6" (2.9 m) in width must obtain authorisation from the signalman before proceeding onto or over a railway level crossing, regardless of any prior notice or dispensation given by the police.

10. A copy of this general dispensation must be carried with the load at all times and produced upon request to an authorised officer.

MOVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF THESE CONDITIONS

Any movements which fall outside of the conditions of this dispensation will require the submission of a movement notification providing the appropriate notice.

DISPENSATION RENEWAL OR VARIATION

The renewal or variation of this dispensation must be requested in writing by e-mailing the following address:

Please note that:

- This dispensation will not be automatically renewed. Please reapply for the dispensation 4 weeks prior to the expiry date to avoid delay.

- The Chief Constable reserves the right to withdraw this dispensation at any time.

Appendix C

ABNORMAL INDIVISIBLE LOAD AGRICULTURAL DISPENSATION

Reference:

THE ROAD VEHICLES (CONSTRUCTION AND USE) REGULATIONS 1986
AGRICULTURAL DISPENSATION

Granted to:

Valid from: **To:**

This document certifies that the above-named company has been authorised to dispense with providing a minimum of two working days' notice in advance of the movement of abnormal indivisible loads on any road within the …… Police area, subject to certain conditions.

Although the notice period has been dispensed with, the requirement to submit notifications under Schedule 12 of the Road Vehicles (Construction & Use) Regulations 1986 remains unchanged.

This dispensation is granted on the condition that it is valid only for vehicles operated by the named company in the course of its business.

CONDITIONS

The Chief Constable, in these circumstances, imposes the following conditions:

1. Movements are prohibited during the following times:

   Monday - Friday *07:00 - 09:00 hours,*

   16:00 - 18:00 hours,

   During the hours of darkness, unless the route exclusively utilises roads listed in *'Chart A - key routes around the county'.*

2. The load must not exceed 4.1 metres in width.

3. The overall length and gross vehicle weight must not exceed those permitted under the Road Vehicles (Construction & Use) Regulations 1986 (no more than 18.65 m rigid length and/or a GVW of not more than 44,000 kg).

4. This dispensation is only valid for movements in the …….. Police area.

5. An accurate route plan and risk assessment will be completed by the haulier prior to any movement.

6. The movement does not deviate from the notified route.

7. No more than two loads are to travel together at any given time.

8. The load must fully comply with the approved Code of Practice for Lighting and Marking for Special Order, VR1, STGO and C&U loads.

9. Drivers of abnormal indivisible load vehicles, including agricultural vehicles, in excess of 9'6" (2.9 m) in width must obtain authorisation from the signalman before proceeding onto or over a railway level crossing, regardless of any prior notice or dispensation given by the police.

10. A copy of this agricultural dispensation must be carried with the load at all times and produced upon request to an authorised officer.

MOVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF THESE CONDITIONS

Any movements which fall outside of the conditions of this dispensation will require the submission of a movement notification giving the appropriate notice.

DISPENSATION RENEWAL OR VARIATION

The renewal or variation of this dispensation must be requested in writing by e-mailing the following address:

Please note that:

- This dispensation will not be automatically renewed. Please reapply for the dispensation 4 weeks prior to the expiry date to avoid delay.

- The Chief Constable reserves the right to withdraw this dispensation at any time.