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OBJECTIVE

Bunge is committed to the safe carriage of grain by all transport companies who are engaged and/or managed by Bunge Grain Services (Bunbury) Pty Ltd.

To this end, Bunge understands that the loading of heavy vehicles is not always precise, especially in the cases of loading off farms and non-certified weighbridges.

However, taking this into account, Bunge takes overloading breaches very seriously and has a duty of care towards all contractors to achieve practical compliance within the Chain of Responsibility obligations for the safe loading of heavy vehicles.

Drivers of heavy vehicles carrying grain must ensure they are aware of and comply with all Chain of Responsibility requirements, including Heavy Vehicle Mass Management.

Bunge's policy for the management of heavy vehicle mass is outlined in the table below.

DRIVER DECLARATION OF LEGAL MASS

The *driver* is responsible for determining the vehicle's legal mass limit and is required to declare the legal mass of their vehicle.

The driver declares the legal mass of their vehicle at Bunge sites through the application of a mass limit code. These codes are linked to the legal mass of a specific type of vehicle configuration. The code is recorded on the weighbridge docket.

Drivers operating vehicles under programs allowing extra mass must carry a copy of the relevant AMMS permit or Government Gazette (in the case of HMMS) in the vehicle at all times as required by legislation. Failure to provide supporting evidence of a vehicle's extra mass entitlement will result in the treatment of the vehicle as operating at the standard legal axle limit (VRL).

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH LEGAL MASS

Overload breaches will be addressed in the following manner:

Accredited Mass Management Scheme (AMMS)

A non-compliance breach (strike) is triggered for any overloading above the permitted extra mass for each axle group, specific for each Tier (refer to table 1).

The Accredited Mass Management Scheme replaces the old CWMMS and CLBPS Schemes, and enables transporters to operate at higher mass limits with greater emphasis on correct loading techniques while off a registered weighbridge or other methods, provided that the operator can ensure accurate axle loading.

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All transport operators delivering to a Bunge site, must ensure a copy of their AMMS Permit is carried at all times, and must be presented upon arrival to site. Failure to present this permit will lead to a vehicle being processed at the VRL.

Any vehicle that breaches the AMMS permitted mass will receive a strike and the delivery noted with Main Roads WA.

It is the responsibility of the transporter and driver to ensure that a loading plan is in place and it is followed accordingly.

Bunge will carry out random checks throughout the year to ensure all registered carriers are loading to their plan.

PLEASE NOTE: The Certified Weighbridge Mass Management Scheme (CWMMS) was discontinued in June 2017.

Harvest Mass Management Scheme (HMMS)

A non-compliance breach (strike) is triggered for any overloading above the Harvest Mass Management Scheme 10% tolerance (refer to Table 1).

Regarding HMMS, the scheme is valid only from October until end of February of each season in order to provide farmers with flexibility at harvest time in recognition of possible loading inaccuracy in the paddock.

The HMMS tolerance is based on the Vehicle Regulation Mass (VRL or VSR) and shall never exceed the vehicle's Safe Working Limit (also known as the GVM or GCM) irrespective of the tolerance or scheme the vehicle operates under. ***A strike will be registered where a vehicle exceeds its GVM or GCM.***

Principal operators and carriers should familiarise themselves with the Business Rules specific to HMMS as Main Roads monitor the Scheme rigorously through the registered Grain Receivers in Western Australia.

A copy of the Government Gazette will need to be carried by each operator when delivering under the scheme, and may be asked to produce it to Bunge staff. Random audits will be undertaken during harvest to ensure that the correct paperwork is carried.

Please refer to the Main Roads WA Harvest Mass Management Business Rules for more information.

Vehicle Regulation Limit (VRL or VSR)

A non-compliance breach (strike) is triggered for any overloading greater than the permitted statutory mass (refer to Table 1).

All instances of non-compliance or overloading are recorded by Bunge for its own internal monitoring purposes. Specific loading data information will be submitted to Main Roads upon request.

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Vehicles that **DO NOT** operate under the AMMS or HMMS will be required to follow the VRL Mass Limits.

Refer to *BSWP606 – Mass Limit Chart 2018* for further information relating to the legal mass limits of various combinations.

STRIKES SYSTEM

When a driver is issued a “strike” for a non-compliance event, the principal carrier also will receive a notice and may be requested to provide an explanation to Bunge.

Where a driver receives **3 strikes for AMMS or VRL/VSR (Standard Mass Limit) breaches in one month**, Bunge will issue the driver a RED CARD meaning a ban from the site for the driver and vehicle for **one (1) month** from the time of issue. In these cases, Bunge will also contact the loading agent in order to provide notification of the heavy mass breach.

Where a driver receives **5 strikes for HMMS breaches in a season**, Bunge will issue the driver a YELLOW CARD meaning the vehicle will be suspended from the HMMS for the remainder of the season. In this case, the vehicle may still make grain deliveries for that season, but the permitted mass is limited to the standard legal axle limit (VRL or Main Roads permit limits) and the policy for the management of heavy vehicle mass will again be applicable.

Under HMMS, where review of loading data by Main Roads after the harvest shows that over 20% of a particular vehicle’s loads during harvest were more than 7% above the legal (VSR) limit, then Main Roads may exclude that vehicle from HMMS for the following year due to poor loading behaviour. Note: a vehicle must complete more than 10 loads under HMMS before its loading data will be reviewed by Main Roads in relation to the mentioned exclusion.

For any **one-off serious breaches** under AMMS or HMMS, whereby overloading is **5% or greater above the permitted extra mass tolerance**, the driver and vehicle will automatically be issued a RED CARD representing an immediate and indefinite ban from further deliveries to the site.

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(Table 1. Bunge Strike System)

| # Strikes | AMMS (Tier 1,2,3) (breacher per month) | VRL or VSR (breaches per month) | HMMS (Harvest Only) (breacher per season) |
|-----------|---|---|--|
| Breach | Overload event=geater than the permitted statutory mass limit | Overload event=geater than the permitted statutory mass limit | Overload event = greater than the 10% tolerance provided in harvest |
| 1 | Written warning (1st strike record) | Written warning (1st strike record) | Written warning (1st strike record) |
| 2 | Written warning (2nd strike record) | Written warning (2nd strike record) | Written warning (2nd strike record) |
| 3 | Written warning (3rd strike record) RED CARD | Written warning (3rd strike record) RED CARD | Written warning (3rd strike record) |
| 4 | N/A | N/A | Written warning (4th strike record) |
| 5 | N/A | N/A | Written warning (5th strike record) YELLOW CARD |

IMPORTANT LINKS

HMMS Business Rules

[https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/Documents/Harvest%20Mass%20Management%20Scheme%20\(HMMS\)%20Business%20Rules%20-%20August%202016.RCN-D16%5E23504251.PDF](https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/Documents/Harvest%20Mass%20Management%20Scheme%20(HMMS)%20Business%20Rules%20-%20August%202016.RCN-D16%5E23504251.PDF)

AMMS Information

<https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/UsingRoads/HeavyVehicles/Permits/Pages/AMMS.aspx>

Bunge Harvest Delivery Information

<https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/UsingRoads/HeavyVehicles/Pages/HMMS.aspx>

BSWP606 – Mass Limit Chart 2018