

Abnormal Load Movements

A brief guide to Notification and Authorisation requirements

A. Dimensions within "Construction & Use Regulations"

Laden dimensions not exceeding :-

2.9m (9'6") overall width, 18.3m (60'0") rigid length or 44,000kgs (44t) gross weight	No requirement for notice to Police or for notice with indemnity to Highway & Bridge Authorities
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Secretary of State authorisation is not required for the movement of loads with laden dimensions as above.

B. 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 days notice to Police
* <i>Secretary of State "VR1" authorisation is required for the movement of loads with an overall width in excess of 5.0m (16'5"), but not exceeding 6.1m (20'0")</i>	
30.00m (98'5") rigid length	2 clear days notice to Police
80,000kgs (80t) gross weight	2 clear days notice with indemnity to Highway & Bridge Authorities
over 80,000kgs (80t) but not exceeding 150,000kgs (150t) gross weight	5 clear days notice with indemnity to Highway & Bridge Authorities <i>and</i> 2 clear days notice to Police

C. Dimensions requiring Special Order

Laden dimensions exceeding :-

6.1m (20'0") overall width	5 clear days notice to Police
30.0m (98'6") rigid length	5 clear days notice to Police
150,000kgs (150t) gross weight and/or 16,500kgs (16.5t) per axle	5 clear days notice with indemnity to Highway & Bridge Authorities <i>and</i> 5 clear days notice to Police

Secretary of State "Special Order" authorisation is required for the movement of loads with laden dimensions as above.

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, it should not exceed 5.0m (16'5").
2. "Clear days notice" excludes Saturdays, Sundays, Bank Holidays, Christmas Day and Good Friday.
3. Transport Scotland, Network Management Directorate offers an advisory service on the routing of abnormal loads (including those which do not require Secretary of State authorisation), but does not need to be notified of their proposed movements.