

APPENDIX B. - Codes of Conduct for freight industry (operator and driver)

Transport Industry Operator

Code of conduct

Our duty under chain of responsibility and OH&S legislation requires that appropriate systems will be put in place to manage risks associated with transport vehicle operations.

1. We recognise and accept our obligations to maintain and promote safe transport operations.
2. We undertake to comply with all road transport laws and OH&S legislation applying to our operations with all drivers briefed and thoroughly trained to be professional and:
 - Being fit for duty – alert, healthy and prepared for the driving task
 - Observing speed limits & seat belt laws
 - Observing fatigue regulations
 - Not being under the influence of drugs or alcohol
 - Not tailgating other vehicles
 - Being considerate of other road users
 - Not using noisy engine brakes at inappropriate times
 - Travelling in left lanes unless overtaking
 - Obeying all other laws.
3. We will not knowingly make or meet any demand or requirement that would cause us to breach road transport laws applying to our operations.
4. We will actively support the development of appropriate industry Codes of conduct, Codes of practice and safety guidelines for the purpose of promoting compliance with road transport laws.
5. We will also ensure that we have in place suitable and adequate processes, programs, policies and training so that we comply with all relevant laws.
6. We recognise and accept that our obligations include:
 - Queuing and scheduling requirements to reduce the risk of driver fatigue
 - Loading and unloading facilities and restraint equipment to reduce safety risks
 - Providing safe and fit for purpose vehicles that are appropriately designed, equipped and maintained
 - Fatigue management
 - Introducing “Safe Systems” of communicating with drivers to lessen the risk of driver distraction
 - A commitment to driver health and safety.
7. We will actively support this Code of conduct for the purpose of promoting compliance with laws and promoting safe behaviour, within the workplace and on the road.
8. We recognise and accept that the safety of our employees and the public are key elements for meeting our obligations under this Code.
9. We undertake to consult with our employees and customers to meet our obligations under chain of responsibility, applicable road law and OH&S legislation to provide and maintain transport operations that are safe for all involved.



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Professional Driver

Code of conduct

I agree to adopt this Code of conduct. I accept that as a professional driver I have responsibilities under both chain of responsibility and OH&S legislation to maintain my fitness for duty and not accept unsafe practices or breaches of the law. I share the road with other road users to improve community safety.

1. I recognise and accept my obligations as a professional driver by:
 - Setting a good example to others
 - Supporting safety within the workplace
 - Actively supporting this code and promoting it to other drivers
 - Encouraging safety on the road.
2. I undertake to comply with all road laws, and be considerate of others by:
 - Being professional at all times
 - Being fit for duty – alert, healthy and prepared for the driving task
 - Observing speed limits & seat belt laws
 - Observing fatigue regulations
 - Observing drug & alcohol laws
 - Leaving a safe distance between other vehicles
 - Travelling in left lanes unless overtaking
 - Avoiding using noisy engine brakes at inappropriate times
 - Obeying all other laws.
3. I support the introduction in companies of "Safe Systems" of work that include practices & procedures to reduce the risk of injuries or death.
4. I take pride in my vehicle and conduct regular checks to ensure my truck and the load is in a safe condition.
5. I understand that driver distraction is a risk and will reduce this risk through:
 - Avoiding the use of mobile phones, two way radios or other forms of communication whilst the vehicle is moving
 - Fully preparing for any journey to avoid being distracted when driving.
6. I actively support this Code of conduct for the purpose of promoting compliance with laws and promoting safe behaviour, within the workplace and on the road.
7. I undertake to actively participate through my OH&S representatives/delegates to commit to industry Codes of conduct, Codes of practice and safety guidelines.



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