

On the 1st October 2005, "chain of responsibility" (CoR) legislation took effect in NSW. The *Road and Transport (General) Act* effectively makes every party in the heavy vehicle transport chain potentially responsible for breaches relating to **mass**, dimension, load restraint as well as dangerous goods and driving hours.

CoR legislation places responsibility for road transport safety and compliance on **all parties** involved in the transport chain who have some control or influence over activities in that chain. Activities included in the chain include but are not limited to consigning, packing, loading, driving, operating, and receiving

The State Government aims to improve compliance by imposing administrative or court imposed penalties based on whether the infringement is minor (<5% over the regulation mass), substantial (>5% over regulation mass), or severe (>20% over regulation mass). Minor breaches alone carry penalties up to \$5,500.

In the event of a breach, all parties along the transport chain must demonstrate what 'reasonable steps' they have undertaken to prevent such breaches occurring.

This declaration to be completed by **grain transporters** may constitute one of the reasonable steps that growers can undertake to prevent **mass** breaches occurring and in the event of a breach prosecution, mitigate any penalty imposed.

I(grain transporter) hereby declare that I understand my legal obligations under the Chain of Responsibility legislation and will undertake all steps that could be reasonably expected of me to ensure that the legislation is complied with.

In particular I declare that;

- 1) I am aware of the regulation gross vehicle mass limit for my truck configuration as per the attached document
- 2) I will inform the owner of the grain, if I reasonably believe that I may be exceeding the regulation gross vehicle mass limit and/ or I have exceeded the regulation gross vehicle mass limit.
- 3) I will endeavour to load legally within the regulated gross vehicle mass limits at all times

Signed

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