

Company Policy-Pol 3032

Load Restraint

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PURPOSE:

The Load Restraint Policy is an important element ensuring the health and safety of our people and supports CITO's safety first approach.

SCOPE:

This policy applies as a pre-requisite to all heavy vehicle driving activities of CITO Transport Group, including the scheduling of drivers.

OBJECTIVES:

This policy aims to:

1. Ensure Branch Managers, Transport Manager and Schedulers are aware of the cause and affect of incorrect load restraints of vehicles and loads on the safety of the roads system and other road users,
2. Ensure Heavy Vehicle Drivers under CITO's care regardless of the system they operate under, understand their obligations,

POLICY:

Load restraint requirements may relate to the restraint or positioning of a load or any part on a vehicle, including the restraint or positioning of a load within the freight container. CITO Transport refers to the terms and guidelines of the National Transport Commission (NTC) Load Restraint Guide for the performance and standards of safe carriage of loads on heavy vehicles.

All transport documentation must be accurate and not be false or misleading as far as it relates to the mass, dimension or loading of any or all of the goods.

The primary responsibility to monitor all mass, dimensions and load restraint with respect to any heavy vehicle rests with the driver. The driver should check compliance with all mass, dimension and load restraint requirements before driving any load. In the event that the load exceeds the requirements, it is the responsibility of the driver to contact the CITO Transport base immediately.

No Vehicle is to leave any CITO Transport yard without the correct load restraint in place without management approval.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Senior Management:

Senior Management is responsible for:

- the allocation of responsibilities and funding to facilitate this policy;
- approval of training providers.

Depot Managers:

Managers and Supervisors are responsible for:

- ensuring all schedulers and their management, and drivers under CITO's care abide by this policy