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Chain of responsibility – VIC Roads

The 'Chain of Responsibility' law aims to ensure that ALL who bear responsibility for conduct which affects compliance are also accountable for failures to comply.

This information is important for growers who use heavy vehicles – over 12t GVM

The law means that if you use road transport as part of your business, you share responsibility for ensuring breaches of road laws do not occur.

So if a breach of road transport law occurs due to your action, inaction or demands, you may be legally accountable.



Put simply this means:

Control = Responsibility = Legal Liability

Driving hours regulations now contain serious offences for persons who require drivers to adhere to schedules, which would result in driving hours or speeding offences.

Consignors, Packers, Loaders, Drivers, Operators, Receivers are all bound by the chain of responsibility legislation.

Drivers work diary

Drivers of heavy vehicles with a GVM over 12 tonnes, must use and carry a **work diary** at all times, if the driver is working standard hours and works more than 100km from work base

Driver must keep all driving records in the **vehicle** for the last **28 days** work.

All work records including work diary, are required to be kept for **3 years** after the record is created.

License to drive a tractor on the road

All types of construction machinery, mobile plant including tractor and similar type vehicles that are not based on a truck body/chassis can be driven on a highway by the holder of a **standard car licence**.

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