



Tips for Growers to meet your Chain of Responsibility requirement

as the consignor of grapes to Accolade Wines

The 'consignor' is the person who engages a heavy vehicle's operator (directly or indirectly) or has possession of or control over the goods immediately before they are transported by road, or the person who loads or imports goods.

As a **Grower (consignor)**, my responsibilities are to ensure that:

Mass, Dimension and Load Restraint

- Loads do not exceed vehicle mass or dimension limits.
- Goods carried on your behalf are able to be appropriately secured.
- The transport company is given appropriate information so that they can supply suitable vehicles and adequate equipment for the load.

Fatigue

- Your delivery requirements do not require or encourage drivers to:
- exceed regulated driving hours, or
 - fail to meet minimum rest requirements, or
 - drive while impaired by fatigue

Speed

- Your delivery requirements do not require or encourage drivers to:
- exceed the speed limits
 - for the driver to miss required rest times

Steps you could take:

1. Before you start loading:
 - a. Request from the transport operator a statement in writing that they will ensure that the load is restrained according to the 'Load Restraint Guide, 2nd Edition, 2014'.
 - b. Ask the transport operator/driver to provide you with the maximum payload the heavy vehicle can be loaded to and the gross combination mass limit. Have the driver sign (initial) next to these values on the Grape Delivery Advice (GDA).
2. If the vehicle you are loading **does not have on-board mass monitoring**: Accurately weigh the grapes/bins as they are being loaded onto the heavy vehicle. Record the weights as you go, and write the total weight on the GDA. Do not exceed the payload.
3. If the **vehicle has on-board mass monitoring**: load the vehicle so that the gross combination mass is not exceeded. Record the loaded grape weight on the GDA.

1. Make sure the driver is aware of the booking time at the winery.
2. Ensure vehicle loading/unloading does not cause delays and advise drivers of any delays of more than 30 minutes. Record the fact that you have notified the driver of any delay.
3. Ask the driver whether they will be able to arrive on-time at the winery while observing their rest-requirements. If they cannot, let the winery know the new arrival time.
4. Do not have incentives in place in your commercial arrangements with the transport operator, or place demands on the driver that may cause fatigue or breaches of work/rest requirements.

1. Make sure the driver is aware of the booking time at the winery.
2. Set realistic delivery timelines which make allowances for unexpected delays such as traffic or road works.
3. Ensure vehicle loading/unloading does not cause delays and advise drivers of any delays of more than 30 minutes. Record the fact that you have notified the driver of any delay.
4. Do not have incentives in place in your commercial arrangements with the transport operator, or place demands on the driver, that may cause them to speed.

OTHER STEPS TO CONSIDER: Request information in writing from the transport operator and/or driver about what systems they have in place to prevent breaches of road transport laws when transporting your grapes. Keep that record. | Consult with other parties in the chain (Transport Operator, Driver, Loader, Loading Manager, Accolade Wines) to identify risks and issues that may contribute to breaches of the Heavy Vehicle National Law. | Document the process you will follow to meet your Chain of Responsibility requirements. Describe how you will record incidents or events where you failed to comply. Ensure you discuss the incident, analyse what went wrong and introduce measures into your business operations to stop it happening again.