

Road Traffic Regulation 151 - towing capacities

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Brakes on trailers 151.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of Sub-Regulation (4), no person shall operate on a public road a trailer, if:
 - (a) the mass of such trailer and any load thereon is 750 kilograms or less and -
 - (i) does not exceed half of the tare of the drawing vehicle, unless such trailer is equipped with at least a parking brake or other device for keeping such trailer stationary; or
 - (ii) exceeds half of the tare of the drawing vehicle but does not exceed such tare, unless such trailer is equipped with a parking brake and either an overrun brake or a service brake;
 - (b) the gross vehicle mass of such trailer exceeds 750 kilograms but does not exceed 3 500 kilograms and does not exceed the tare of the drawing vehicle, unless such trailer is equipped with a parking brake and either an overrun brake or a service brake; or
 - (c) the gross vehicle mass of such trailer exceeds the tare of the drawing vehicle or 3 500 kilograms, as the case may be, unless such trailer is equipped with a parking brake and a service brake,

...and where more than one trailer is drawn by a drawing vehicle, the foregoing requirements shall apply in respect of each such trailer, and in such event the gross vehicle mass shall be construed as the total of the gross vehicle mass of all trailers so drawn.

- (2) The service brake of a trailer shall be capable of being operated by the driver of the drawing vehicle while such trailer and drawing vehicle are in motion.
- (3) If the service or overrun brake of a trailer is capable of being used as a parking brake, a separate parking brake need not be fitted to such trailer.
- (4) Notwithstanding Sub-Regulation (1)(c), if a trailer referred to in that sub-regulation is drawn by a tractor and such tractor is not designed for or capable of operation at a speed exceeding 35 kilometres per hour on a reasonably level road, such trailer may be equipped with an overrun brake in lieu of a service brake.