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Introduction

This set of standards has been prepared for the Log Transport Safety Council and represents best practice for the transport of logs in New Zealand.

Some of the standards specify the legal minimum requirements while others provide guidance on best practice.

There is an expectation of all of the parties involved, including the Log Transport Safety Council, Forest Owners Association, NZ Transport Agency, MBIE and ACC, that these standards will be adhered to and implemented by everyone involved in the log transport supply chain. The production of these standards has been a joint effort drawing together the knowledge and experience of log transport operators, forest owners, trailer manufacturers and government agencies, backed up by a considerable amount of research, testing and consultation. The development of these standards is, however, just the starting point. It is up to everyone in the supply chain to implement and adhere to these standards in order to make our industry safer.

These standards will be updated as new issues arise. Please send an e-mail to Bruce Nairn, the Secretary of the Log Transport Safety Council, to let him know your contact details so that he can send the updates to you as they are released. His e-mail address is ltsc@logtruck.co.nz

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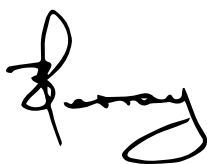
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The safe transport of logs is important to New Zealanders and the forest industry.

This Best Practice Guideline establishes a new level of workplace best practice in the securing of logs on truck and trailer units and includes the Loading Code of Practice issued by the New Zealand Transport Agency under section 134(4)(a) of the Land Transport Act 1998. It also sets out safe practices for the lifting and positioning of log trailers onto trucks, and for their safe and efficient return to the forest as part of the truck transport cycle approved by the MBIE.

For ease of use this Guideline has been written in a way that is easy to follow, and the Loading Code of Practice items are integrated with safe practice guidelines.

I am delighted that the MBIE, New Zealand Transport Agency and the Log Transport Safety Council have been able to work together to create this Guideline, and to make New Zealand roads safer for all New Zealanders.



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