

# LOG TRANSPORT SAFETY ACCORD

## PARTIES

This Accord is between the New Zealand Forest Owners Association (NZFOA), Road Transport Forum New Zealand (RTFNZ), Log Transport Safety Council (LTSC), and the New Zealand Farm Forestry Association (NZFFA).

## OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Accord is to improve public safety by reducing the frequency rate of road accidents involving log trucks on public roads.

## COMMITMENT

We, the undersigned organisations, are committed to work towards reducing the frequency rate of accidents that involve logging trucks on public roads. We shall encourage the members of our respective organisations to abide by the principles of this Accord and the agreed initiatives for its implementation.

## IMPLEMENTATION

To give effect to this Accord, the parties agree to encourage their members to implement the following:

### Compliance with Regulations and Codes of Practice

That all logs are loaded and transported in compliance with relevant regulations and industry codes of practice e.g. the OSH Approved Code of Practice for Safety and Health in Forest Operations, and the LTSA Truck Loading Code.

### Rate Setting

That rate negotiations between forest owners and their transport providers take into consideration recommended safety criteria.

### 0800 Public Reporting Scheme

That all parties participate in and actively support the objectives of the 0800 public reporting scheme.

### Transport Operator Safety Rating System

That parties fully support the Transport Operator Safety Rating System as a means of encouraging and rewarding best practice safety behaviour amongst operators.

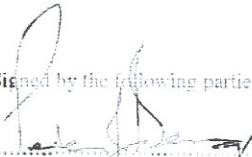
### Speeds

That parties acknowledge that speed constitutes a major accident risk. Drivers shall travel at speeds that allow considerable safety margin for the conditions. Specifically, drivers will adhere to recommendations in respect to corner speeds as agreed between the parties.

### Delays

That parties acknowledge that delays at loading, unloading and checkpoints can contribute to driver and transport operator frustration. The parties shall endeavour to minimise such delays.

Signed by the following parties in New Plymouth on Thursday, 20 September, 2001.

  
New Zealand Forest Owners Association (Inc.)

  
Road Transport Forum New Zealand

## ENDORSEMENT:

We, being a member of New Zealand Forest Owners Association, signify our commitment to applying the provisions of this Accord in the operation of our business.

Signed

## Load Weights

That forest owners and transport operators strongly oppose the exceeding of the legal load limits. The two parties agree to develop improved systems to identify overloads and to impose disincentives to this practice.

## Driver Training and Qualifications

That all log truck drivers either hold the National Certificate in Commercial Road Transport, or be working towards this qualification.

## INDUSTRY ISSUES

In addition to encouraging their members to implement the above measures designed to improve logging truck safety, the signatory organisations agree to work together on the following:

### Truck and Trailer Design and Manufacture

The parties acknowledge the part truck and trailer manufacturing standards and dimensions play in log transport safety and support the LTSC in reviewing and revising these standards to improve safety. The parties will work to implement any agreed revised truck and trailer manufacturing standards as quickly as practicable.

### Loading/Unloading Equipment

The parties acknowledge the need to review loading and unloading equipment and procedures to match developments in best practice truck and trailer design.

### Roading Infrastructure

The parties will work together to identify roading infrastructure priorities and work with central and local government to achieve roading standards that can accommodate expanded log truck traffic and improve public safety. Particular emphasis shall be placed on regions where harvest volumes are expanding the fastest.

### Accident Statistics

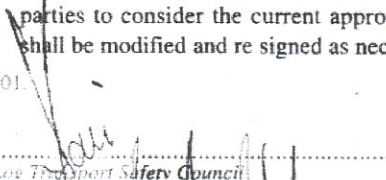
All parties will support and contribute to the efficient and accurate recording and dissemination of accident statistics and analysis of causes, under the stewardship of the LTSC.

### Education and Awareness

The parties acknowledge the important role of other road users in maintaining the safe transport of logs. They will support education of both truck drivers and the public (particularly where the public interacts with the industry) that improves the awareness of such factors as loading, overtaking safely, and distance to slow or stop a loaded truck.

## REVIEW

This Accord shall be reviewed as agreed by the signatory parties to consider the current appropriateness of wording and shall be modified and re signed as necessary.

  
Log Transport Safety Council

  
New Zealand Farm Forestry Association