



## Chain of Responsibility Policy Statement

Specialised Pipe and Fittings Australia Pty Ltd (SPFA) acknowledges our position in the Chain of Responsibility (CoR) established when arranging, consigning, loading, transporting, and unloading our products, and our duty of care to protect the safety and wellbeing of all road users and other parties to the CoR.

To comply with Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) requirements, and Western Australian Road Traffic (Administration) Act 2008, Road Traffic (Vehicles) Act 2012, and WorkSafe WA expectations; SPFA has adopted the NTC Load Restraint Guide 2018, Load Restraint Guide for Light Vehicles 2018, and HVNL as best practice with the expectation that all contractors involved in the transport of consignments for, and on behalf of SPFA, will uphold the Chain of Responsibility requirements identified in the HVNL or local legislation as a minimum.

To satisfy our CoR expectations, SPFA will not:

1. Use contractors that do not accept CoR or cannot provide evidence of CoR compliance.
2. Make requests or establish arrangements that encourage any other CoR party to breach mass, dimension, fatigue, or speed requirements of the HVNL, Road Traffic (Administration) Act 2008, or Road Traffic (Vehicles) Act 2012 as applicable,
3. Load vehicles that, in our reasonable opinion, are not suitable, do not have the appropriate friction improvement devices, retention, and restraint equipment, or cannot, in our opinion, be loaded to ensure the safety of road users and other parties to the CoR.

SPFA will:

1. Pack and package materials to ensure they are secure and safe to load, handle, and unload in transit,
2. Provide accurate weights and dimensions for all consignments,
3. Ensure all bookings are made with sufficient time to complete the delivery safely,
4. Attend to the loading of vehicles in a timely and efficient manner,
5. Safely load vehicles within GVM limits where appropriate friction, retention, and restraint are provided,
6. Accept published freight provider transit times.

SPFA will utilise our established ISO 9001 Quality Management Systems to ensure appropriate policy, procedures, training, and records are maintained to verify performance and compliance with CoR requirements, and a control framework exists to ensure that contractors and any sub-contract operators are adequately informed and compliant with CoR commitments and their legal responsibilities.

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