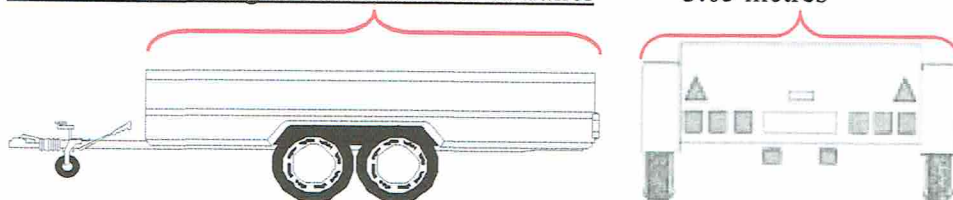

13. The law

Dimensions; weights; manufacturers' plates; markings; licences.

Maximum Dimensions:

<u>Length</u> (excluding the coupling and drawbar)	7 metres
But: towed by a vehicle over 3500kg GVW	12 metres if at least 4 wheels
<u>Width</u> Maximum	2.3m
But: towed by a vehicle over 3500kg GVW	2.55m
<u>Length of towing vehicle and trailer combined</u>	18 metres
<u>Maximum overhang of load from rear of trailer</u>	3.05 metres



Marking of rear overhang:

Between 1 metre and 2 metres, ensure the end is clearly visible by attaching a piece of cloth or similar.

Between 2 metres and 3.05 metres, a marker board as defined in the Regulations must be fitted and illuminated at night.

If the overhang is more than 3.05 metres, an attendant must be carried and the police must be notified 2 days before commencing the journey.

“Long Vehicle” Marker Plate

Not required for light trailers.

These are a legal requirement only for trailers over 3500kg or where the towing vehicle is over 7500kg gross weight. When they are required, different plates are required depending on the length of the vehicle. Details can be found in the Road Vehicle Lighting Regulations, Schedule 18.

Loads must not project more than 305mm either side of the trailer, up to a maximum width of 2.9metres.

Loads over 2.9 metres in width are classed as abnormal loads and the police must be notified two days before a journey commences.