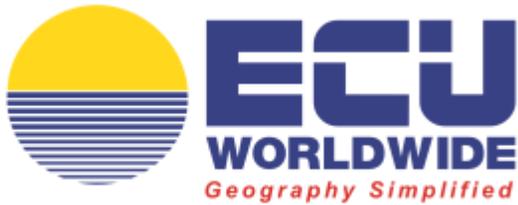


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## A Guide to Compliance Obligations and Requirements

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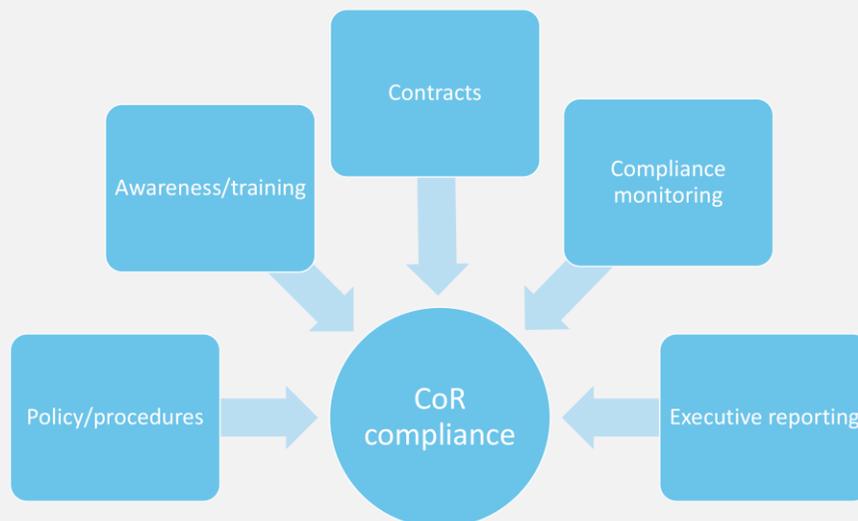
This guide is set out to explain the importance of Chain of Responsibility compliance, how it works and to ensure that all parties involved in the ECU Worldwide supply chain are conversant with the laws and requirements and their obligations to safety within the supply chain.

The information provided in this guide is of a general nature only and should not be considered as a substitute for legal advice.

### WHAT IS CHAIN OF RESPONSIBILITY?

*“The chain of responsibility is a policy concept used in Australian transport legislation to place legal obligations on parties in the transport supply chain or across transport industries generally. The concept was initially developed to apply in the heavy vehicle industry in regulated areas such as speeding, fatigue and mass, loading and dimension. It has since spread to other transport sectors, particularly in Victoria where it has been applied in laws which apply to the rail, bus, marine and taxi industries.”*

*Wikipedia*



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The aim of 'Chain of Responsibility' is to ensure ALL parties in the supply chain share responsibility for the safe handling of cargo through the transport route. ECU Worldwide are committed to safety. ECU Worldwide Australia have implemented a Safety Management System to ensure it remains cognizant and compliant with CoR requirements and policies.

Chain of Responsibility extends onus and liability to all reaches of the supply chain, from initial supplier packaging of the cargo right through to unpacking at the consignee's premises.

### **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN:**

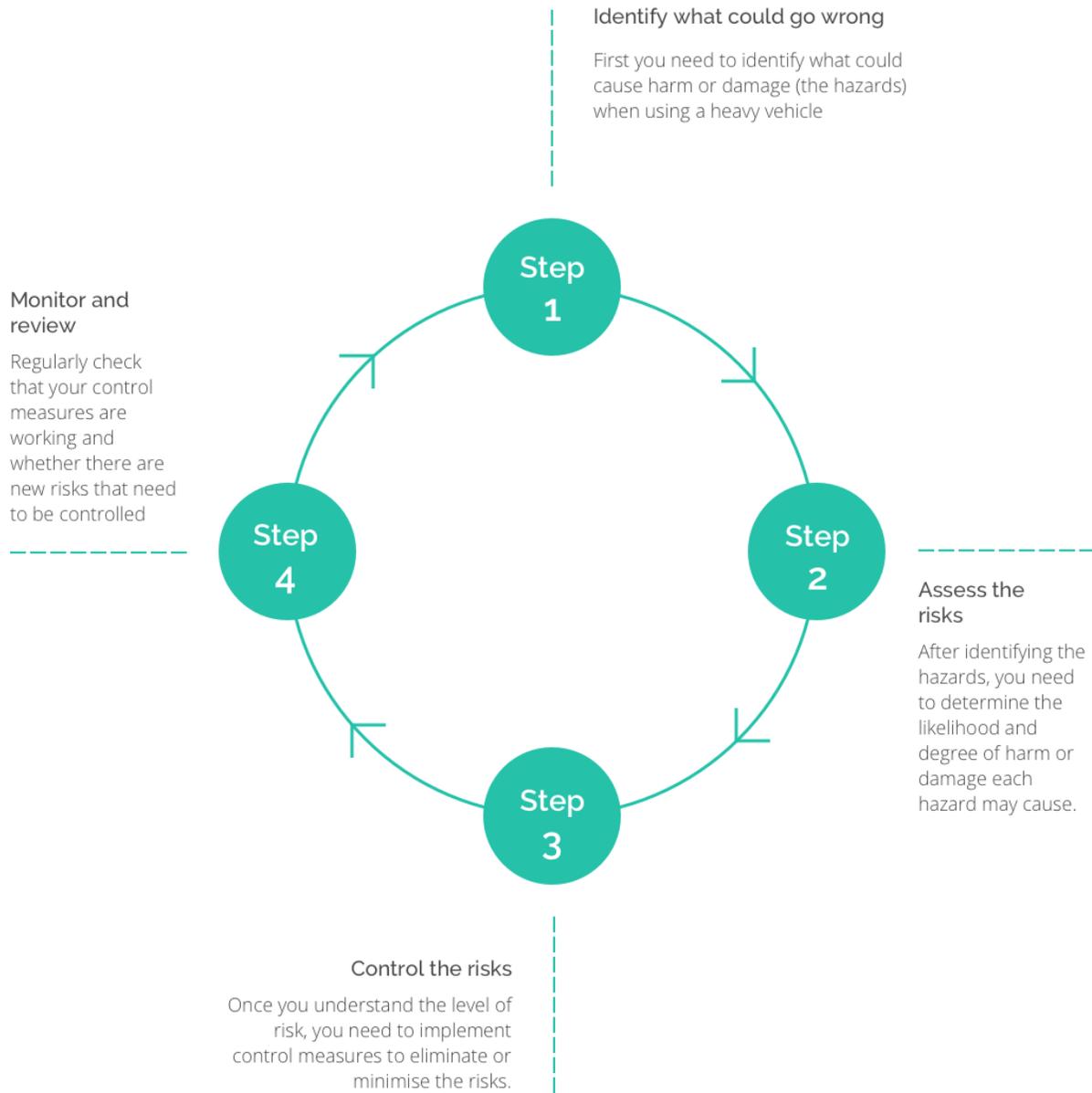
The Heavy Vehicle National Law identifies the following parties in the chain of responsibility:

- The employer of the driver
- The prime contractor of the driver
- An operator of the vehicle
- A scheduler of the vehicle
- A consignor of any goods in the vehicle
- A consignee of any goods in the vehicle
- A packer of any goods in the vehicle
- A loading manager for any goods in the vehicle
- A loader of any goods in the vehicle
- An unloader of any goods in the vehicle

As participants in the cargo supply chain, ECU Worldwide require all parties to be conversant and compliant with all Chain of Responsibility legal requirements.

Requirements for ongoing compliance may include, but are not restricted to:

- Risk Management
- Hazard Identification
- Risk Monitoring and Review
- Incident Reporting
- Continuous Safety Improvement
- Safety Promotion and Training
- Dangerous Goods compliance in conjunction and accordance with Dangerous Goods Regulations.



**For further information and to ensure compliance with Chain of Responsibility legislation requirements please assess your companies core processes and policies with the NHVR Chain of Responsibility web site:**

<https://www.nhvr.gov.au/safety-accreditation-compliance/chain-of-responsibility>