

## **Administrative Rule 39.03.22 Rules Governing Overlegal Permits for Extra-Length, Excess Weight, and Up to 129,000 Pound Vehicle Combinations**

### **Current Safety Requirements for Extra Length, Excess Weight Vehicle Combinations up to 105,500 Pounds**

- Designated routes have requirements for length and off-track allowed.
  - Blue Routes – Allow up to 95 feet overall length and must not exceed an off-track measurement of 5.50 feet.
  - Red Routes – Allow up to 115 feet overall length and must not exceed an off-track measurement of 6.50 feet.
  - Black Routes – Allow up to 115 feet overall length and may exceed an off-track of 6.50 but not to exceed 8.75 feet.
  - Green Routes – Allow up to 85 feet overall length and must not exceed an off-track of 3.0 feet.

### **Current Safety Requirements for Vehicle Combinations up to 129,000 Pounds**

- Brakes – All axles shall be equipped with brakes that meet the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.
- Permits must be vehicle specific and the vehicle must operate on designated routes
- Designated routes have requirements for length and off-track allowed.
  - Magenta Routes – Allow up to 115 feet overall length and must not exceed an off-track measurement of 6.50 feet.
  - Brown Routes – Allow up to 95 feet overall length and must not exceed an off-track measurement of 5.50 feet

### **Current Safety Requirements for Vehicle Combination Operating for Extra Length, Excess Weight, and Up to 129,000 Pounds**

- Cargo Carrying Units – Vehicle combinations shall consist of no more than 4 units and no such vehicle combination shall include more than 3 cargo units; except that a full truck and trailer can exceed overall length of 75 feet, but not exceed 85 feet including overhang.
- Power unit – Shall have adequate power and traction to maintain a minimum of 20 miles per hour under normal operation conditions on any up-grade.
- Connecting Devices – Fifth wheel, drawbar and other coupling devices shall be as specified by Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations Part 393.
- Hazardous Travel Condition Restrictions – Movement shall be prohibited and other valid permits shall automatically become invalid en route when travel conditions become

hazardous. Hazardous conditions include, but are not limited to: ice, snow, frost or when visibility is restricted to less than 500 feet.

- Trailer Weight Sequence – The respective loading of any trailer shall not be substantially greater (4,000 pounds heavier) than the weight of any trailer located ahead of it in the vehicle combination.
- Operating Restrictions for Operators
  - Minimum distance of 500 feet shall be maintained between combinations of vehicles when overtaking and passing.
  - Except when passing another vehicle traveling in the same direction, the combination shall be driven so as to remain at all-time on the right hand side of a 2-lane 2-way highway or on the right side of lane stripe or marker of a 4-lane highway.
  - Be in compliance with all Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.
- Insurance Requirement – Operators shall be covered by insurance not less than \$500,000 combined for a single limit.
- Tire Limitations are:
  - Single axles shall be equipped with 4 tires except on steering axle or VLS lift axles; unless equipped with 15 inch wide or wider single tires.
  - Multiple axle configurations may be equipped with single tires on each of the axles as long as the pound per inch width of tire does not exceed 600 pounds, the manufacturers rating or legal weights, whichever is less.
  - Steer axle may not exceed the manufacturer’s load rating per tire or the load rating of the axle or 20,000 pounds per axle whichever is less.
  - Brakes shall meet the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.
- Copy of the Rule shall accompany the overlegal permit.
- Operator of any extra length, excess weight and up to 129,000 pound vehicle combination shall complete the off-track computation form to determine proper routes of travel.
- Permit shall become automatically invalid subject to conditions in IDAPA 39.03.23
- If exceeding allowed length/off-track limitation, the vehicle combination will be escorted by apprehending officer to the first safe parking location and the driver of the vehicle combination will be issued a single day permit to the nearest permitted route. The vehicle combination will be required to have an escort to advance the vehicle for safety.