

IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS



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IDAPA 39.03.01 RULES GOVERNING DEFINITIONS REGARDING SPECIAL PERMITS

010. DEFINITIONS.

- 01. Accessories.** Additional parts of the single item load that have been removed to reduce width, length or height.
- 04. Annual.** Twelve (12) consecutive months.
- 05. Automobile Transporter.** See Section 49-102, Idaho Code.
- 06. Base Width.** The measurement below the eaves of a manufactured home, modular building, or office trailer.
- 07. Boat Transporter.** See Section 49-103, Idaho Code
- 08. Cargo Unit.** A full truck, a semi-trailer, a full trailer, or a semi-trailer converted to a full trailer by means of a dolly or a converter gear mounting a fifth wheel. A dromedary tractor equipped with conventional fifth wheel, not stinger steered, shall be excluded from the definition of a cargo unit.
- 09. Convoy.** A group of two (2) or more motor vehicles traveling together for protection or convenience.
- 15. Escort Vehicle.** See Pilot Vehicle.
- 23. Height.** The total vertical dimension of a vehicle above the ground surface including any load and load holding device thereon
- 24. Implement of Husbandry.** See Section 49-110, Idaho Code.
- 26. Legal.** In compliance with the Idaho Code on size and weight
- 27. Length.** The total longitudinal dimension of a single vehicle, a trailer, or a semi-trailer. Length of a trailer or semi-trailer is measured from the front of the cargo-carrying unit to its rear, exclusive of all overhang and any appurtenances listed in IDAPA 39.03.03, "Rules Governing Special Permits – General Conditions and Requirements."
- 33. Non-Reducible.** Any load or vehicle exceeding applicable length or weight limits that, if separated into smaller loads or vehicles, would:
- a.** Compromise the intended use of the vehicle, i.e., make it unable to perform the function for which it was intended;
 - b.** Destroy the value of the load or vehicle, i.e., make it unusable for its intended purpose; or
 - c.** Require more than eight (8) work hours to dismantle using appropriate equipment. The applicant for a nondivisible load permit has the burden of proof of establishing the number of work hours required to dismantle the load.
- 37. Overall Length.** The total length of a combination of vehicles, i.e. truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination, measured from front bumper of the motor vehicle to the back bumper or rear extremity of the last trailer including the connecting tongue(s) plus any load overhang.
- 38. Overdimensional.** Any vehicle or load in excess of the limits established in Section 49-1010, Idaho Code.
- 39. Overheight.** A vehicle or load in excess of the limits established in Section 49-1010, Idaho Code.
- 40. Overlength.** Any load non-reducible in length being hauled or towed that is in excess of the limits established in Section 49-1010, Idaho Code.
- 41. Oversize.** A vehicle or load in excess of the limits established in Section 49-1010, Idaho Code.
- 42. Overweight.** A single vehicle or a vehicle combination hauling or towing a non-reducible load whose weight is in excess of eighty thousand (80,000) pounds and/or legal axle weights.
- 43. Overwidth.** A vehicle or load in excess of the limits established in Section 49-1010, Idaho Code
- 44. Pilot Vehicle.** Passenger cars or trucks equipped as specified in IDAPA 39.03.05, "Rules Governing Special Permits – Oversize Non-Reducible."

45. Reducible Load. A single item or multiple items for transport that could reasonably be repositioned so that the load conforms to legal size and weight dimensions. The determination of ability to reduce the load primarily depends on the intended disposition of the contents of the load upon delivery to its destination (i.e. made into smaller pieces).

47. Special Permit. A permit issued by the Idaho Transportation Department that authorizes the movement of vehicles or loads on the state highway system in excess of the sizes and weights allowed by Sections 49-1001, 49-1002, or 49-1010, Idaho Code.

54. Width. The total outside transverse dimension of a vehicle including any load or load-holding devices thereon, but excluding any appurtenances listed in IDAPA 39.03.03, "Rules Governing Special Permits – General Conditions and Requirements."

IDAPA 39.03.03 RULES GOVERNING SPECIAL PERMITS – GENERAL CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Refer to IDAPA 39.03.03, "Rules for Governing Special Permits – General Conditions and Requirements," for conditional requirements regarding Inspections, Lights, Flags, Brakes, and other regulations.

450. RESPONSIBILITY OF PERMITTEE.

02. Permit to Be Carried in Vehicle:

a. The special permit must be carried or available electronically in the vehicle to which it refers during the time of movement and shall upon demand be delivered for inspection to any peace officer or authorized agent of the Idaho Transportation Board or any officer or employee charged with the care and protection of the public highways.

04. Basic Limitations Shall Not Be Exceeded: Special permits shall not be issued for vehicles or loads in excess of the maximum limitations of size or weight or that otherwise exceed the limitations for loads as set forth in these rules unless exception is made by the Transportation Board, or as otherwise provided herein.

IDAPA 39.03.04 RULES GOVERNING SPECIAL PERMITS – OVERWEIGHT NON-REDUCIBLE

200. TIME OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR SPECIAL LOADS.

Oversize loads may be transported on Idaho Highways subject to the following conditions:

01. Red-Coded Routes. Daylight travel until 2 p.m. on Friday or the day before a holiday, no Saturday, no Sunday. Due to low traffic volumes on these routes early in the mornings of Saturday and Sunday, single trip permits may be issued for dawn to 8 a.m. If the movement is not completed by 8 a.m. the permittee will be required to safely park and not proceed until the next day.

02. Black-Coded Routes. Loads not in excess of ten (10) feet wide, one hundred (100) feet long or fifteen (15) feet high may travel twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week; loads in excess of ten (10) feet wide, one hundred (100) feet long, or fifteen (15) feet high may travel daylight hours seven (7) days per week.

03. Interstate. Loads not in excess of ten (10) feet wide, one hundred and twenty (120) feet long or fifteen (15) feet high may travel twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week; loads in excess of ten (10) feet wide, one hundred and twenty (120) feet long, or fifteen (15) feet high may travel daylight hours, seven (7) days per week.

IDAPA 39.03.05 RULES GOVERNING SPECIAL PERMITS – OVERSIZE NON-REDUCIBLE

070. GENERAL OVERSIZE LIMITATIONS.

01. Maximum Dimensions Allowed. The maximum dimensions of oversize vehicles or oversize loads shall depend on the character of the route to be traveled: width of roadway, alignment and sight distance, vertical or horizontal clearance, and traffic volume.

02. Practical Minimum Dimension of Load. Oversize loads shall be reduced to a practical minimum dimension. Except where noted below, permits will not be issued to exceed legal size if the load is more than one (1) unit in width, height, or length that results in them exceeding legal overhang. Additionally, permits shall not be utilized for multiple unit loads that may be re-positioned to meet legal dimensions established in Section 49-1010, Idaho Code.

03. Overwidth Loads on Single or Double Trailers. Non-reducible loads may be transported on double trailer combinations not exceeding seventy-five (75') feet combination length and single trailers not exceeding fifty-three (53') feet exclusive of load overhang.

04. Overwidth Overhang. Overwidth loads shall distribute overhang to the sides of the trailer as evenly as possible.

300. SIGNING REQUIREMENTS OF TOWING VEHICLES, OVERSIZE VEHICLES AND/OR LOADS.

Oversize load signs shall meet the following specifications:

400. PILOT/ESCORT VEHICLES.

Pilot/escort vehicle(s) shall be furnished by the permittee and shall be either passenger car(s), truck(s), or vehicles authorized by the Special Permit Office, however shall not exceed sixteen (16,000) pounds. The truck(s) used as pilot/escort vehicle(s) shall not be loaded in such a manner as to cause confusion to the public as to which vehicle is the one under escort. Vehicles towing trailers shall not qualify as pilot/escort vehicles.

200. PERMITS FOR MULTIPLE-WIDTH OR MULTIPLE-HEIGHT LOADING.

01. Cylindrical Hay Bales. Special permits may be issued for overwidth transportation of cylindrical hay bales, produced by balers having bale chambers which may be five (5') feet or more in width. Such bales may be loaded two (2) bales wide and two (2) bales high. Hauling vehicles eligible for permit for this purpose shall be legal size vehicles registered for travel on public highways. Operation of such overwidth loads shall be subject to the same time of travel and other safety requirements as other overwidth loads having a similar width, see IDAPA 39.03.04, "Rules Governing Special Permits – Overweight Non-Reducible." This type of operation is intended as an option to the use of farm tractors hauling such loads on size-exempt implement of husbandry vehicles. Maximum width of such loads without tolerance may not exceed eleven feet six inches (11'6").

02. Reducible Height Loads. Special permits may be issued to allow the transportation of reducible loads in excess of fourteen (14') feet high but not in excess of fifteen (15') feet high on designated highways. The vehicle height must not exceed fourteen (14') feet. A map listing the vertical clearances is available at the Idaho Transportation Department Special Permit Office and online at itd.idaho.gov.

03. Kiln Lumber Stacks. Special permits may be issued to allow the transportation of specifically produced kiln lumber stacks in excess of eight feet six inches (8'6") wide but not in excess of nine feet three inches (9'3") wide on designated highways. Each kiln lumber stack shall be considered a single non-reducible unit and may be hauled two (2) stacks wide and two (2) stacks high. Hauling vehicles eligible for permit for this purpose shall be legal size vehicles registered for travel on public highways. Operations of such overwidth loads shall be subject to the same type of travel restrictions and other safety requirements as other overwidth loads having a similar width, see IDAPA 39.03.04, "Rules Governing Special Permits – Overweight Non-Reducible."

05. Additional Restrictions.

a. Red-Coded Routes – No travel for any load after 2 p.m. on the day preceding a holiday or holiday weekend. A holiday weekend occurs as three (3) consecutive days, when a designated holiday occurs on a Friday or Monday, or when the designated holiday occurs on a Saturday or Sunday, in which case the preceding Friday or the following Monday shall be included in such three (3) day holiday weekend. Travel may be resumed at dawn on the day following the holiday or holiday weekend.

b. Black-Coded Routes and Interstate Routes – Loads in excess of ten (10) feet wide, one hundred (100) feet long, or fifteen (15) feet high may not travel after 4:00 p.m. on the day preceding a holiday. Travel may be resumed at dawn on the day following the holiday.

c. The following days are designated as holidays:

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| i. New Year's Day; | iv. Labor Day; |
| ii. Memorial Day; | v. Thanksgiving; |
| iii. Independence Day; | vi. Christmas. |

d. Additional restrictions relating to movement of buildings and houses are:

- i. Excessively Oversize Loads.** Excessively oversize loads shall be restricted to the time of day, or day of the week, when traffic interference will be at a minimum.
- ii. Buildings.** Time of travel of loads in the building size category shall be restricted to the time of day and/or day of the week, when traffic interference will be at a minimum.
- iii. Early Morning Moves.** In metropolitan areas and in certain other cases where a serious disruption of traffic would otherwise be unavoidable, the movement of excessively oversize buildings may be permitted, at the discretion of the District Engineer, between 2 a.m. and daybreak to avoid traffic congestion.

e. Other time of travel restrictions may be noted on the permit due to special circumstances.

f. Over length restrictions. Oversize vehicles operating under authority of a special permit which exceed seven (7) feet of front overhang, on any vehicle in the combination, are restricted to daylight travel only on two (2) lane, two (2) way highways.

06. Hours of Darkness. Hours are defined as extending from sunset to sunrise or at any other time when visibility is restricted to less than five hundred (500) feet.

07. Heavy Commuter Traffic Restrictions.

a. The movement of oversize permitted vehicles or loads which are in excess of thirteen (13) feet in width may be prohibited from movement on highways on all state and interstate routes at times of heavy commuter traffic within one (1) mile of the city limits of the following cities:

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| i. Boise; | viii. Middleton; |
| ii. Caldwell; | ix. Nampa; |
| iii. Coeur d'Alene; | x. Pocatello; |
| iv. Eagle; | xi. Star; |
| v. Emmett; | xii. Twin Falls; |
| vi. Idaho Falls; | xiii. Garden City; |
| vii. Meridian; | xiv. Chubbuck. |

08. Hazardous Travel Conditions Restrictions. Refer to IDAPA 39.03.03, "Rules Governing Special Permits – General Conditions and Requirements," for limitations on travel during hazardous conditions.