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**39.03.22 - RULES GOVERNING OVERLEGAL PERMITS  
FOR EXTRA-LENGTH VEHICLE COMBINATIONS**

**DOCKET NO. 39-0322-1001**

**NOTICE OF RULEMAKING - ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY RULE**

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The effective date of the temporary rule is **December 1, 2009**.

**AUTHORITY:** In compliance with Section 67-5226, Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has adopted a temporary rule. The action is authorized pursuant to Section 40-312, Idaho Code.

**DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:** The following is the required finding and concise statement of the supporting reasons for temporary rule-making:

**This rule-making increases the limitations for permitted vehicle combinations on “blue-coded routes,” from ninety (90) to ninety-five (95) feet in overall length including load overhang. This still allows the vehicles to operate within the maximum off-tracking limitations.**

**TEMPORARY RULE JUSTIFICATION:** Pursuant to Section 67-5226(1)(c), Idaho Code, the Governor has found that temporary adoption of the rule is appropriate for the following reasons:

**Representatives from the logging industry requested an increase in the allowable overall length of permitted vehicle combinations from ninety (90) to ninety-five (95) feet in the category designated as “blue-coded routes.” They indicate this will allow them to utilize their hauling equipment more effectively and efficiently, conferring a benefit.**

**FEE SUMMARY:** The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: Not applicable.

**ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS:** For assistance on technical questions concerning the temporary rule, contact Regina Phipps, Vehicle Size and Weight Specialist, 334-8418.

DATED this 29th day of December, 2009.

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**THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEMPORARY TEXT FOR DOCKET NO. 39-0322-1001**

**000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.**

This rule, governing the movement of vehicles which are in excess of the sizes allowed by 49-1004 and 49-1010, is adopted under the authority of Sections 40-312 ~~and 49-1004~~, Idaho Code. ~~(10-2-89)~~(12-1-09)T

**(BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS)**

**005. OFFICE -- OFFICE HOURS -- MAILING AND STREET ADDRESS -- PHONE NUMBERS.**

**01. Street And Mailing Address.** The Idaho Transportation Department maintains a central office in Boise at 3311 W. State Street with a mailing address of PO Box 7129, Boise, ID 83707-1129. (3-20-04)

**02. Office Hours.** Daily office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Saturday, Sunday and state holidays. ~~(3-20-04)~~(12-1-09)T

**03. Telephone and Fax Numbers.** The central office may be contacted during office hours by phone at 208-334-8420 or by fax at 334-8419. (3-20-04)

**(BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS)**

**200. CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR EXTRA-LENGTH.**

Extra-length vehicle combinations shall be subject to the following conditions, limitations, and requirements: (10-2-89)

**01. Extra-Length Vehicle Combinations.** Vehicle combinations operating with an overall length in excess of the limits imposed in Section 49-1010, Idaho Code, shall consist of not more than four (4) units, shall not exceed one hundred fifteen (115) feet overall and no such vehicle combination shall include more than three (3) cargo units except that a full truck and full trailer may have an overall length in excess of seventy-five (75) feet but not in excess of eighty-five (85) feet including load overhang. (3-20-04)

**02. Routes for Extra-Length Operations.** Shall be designated in four (4) categories: (9-4-91)

**a.** Routes for combinations not exceeding ninety-five (905) feet in overall length

including load overhang (blue-coded routes). An extra-length combination operating on routes designated for ninety-five (905) foot combinations shall be designed and assembled in a manner whereby its maximum off-tracking will not exceed five point five zero (5.50) feet on a one hundred sixty-five (165) foot radius when computed by the equation developed by Western Highway Institute (WHI) for computation of maximum vehicular off-track. ~~(3-22-00)~~(12-1-09)T

**b.** Routes for combinations of vehicles not exceeding one hundred fifteen (115) feet in overall length including load overhang (red-coded routes). An extra-length combination operating on routes designated for one hundred fifteen (115) foot combinations shall be designed and assembled in a manner whereby its maximum off-tracking will not exceed six point five zero (6.50) feet on a one hundred sixty-five (165) foot radius when computed by the WHI equation referred to above. (3-20-04)

**c.** Interstate system routes and specified interchanges providing access to approved breakdown areas located in close proximity to the Interstate system (black-coded routes). An extra-length combination operating on routes in this category shall be designed and assembled in such a manner that its off-tracking may exceed six point five zero (6.50) feet but shall not exceed eight point seventy-five (8.75) feet when computed by the WHI equation referred to above. Specified interchanges providing access to approved breakdown areas are required to be used by combinations that exceed six point five zero (6.50) feet off-tracking. The specified interchanges will be authorized for either combinations in excess of six point five zero (6.50) feet off-tracking, but not in excess of seven (7) feet off-tracking, or for combinations in excess of seven (7) feet off-tracking but not in excess of eight point seventy-five (8.75) feet off-tracking. (3-22-00)

**d.** Selected state highway routes (green coded routes) for operation of an extra-length combination whereby its maximum off-tracking will not exceed three (3) feet on a one hundred sixty-five (165) foot radius when computed by the WHI equation and its overall length including load overhang does not exceed eighty-five (85) feet. Route approval shall be subject to analysis of pavement condition, bridge capacity, safety considerations, pavement width, curvature, traffic volumes and traffic operations. (8-25-94)

**03. Power Unit.** The power unit of extra-length combinations shall have adequate power and traction to maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) miles per hour under normal operating conditions on any up-grade over which the combination is operated. (10-2-89)

**04. Connecting Devices.** Fifth wheel, drawbar, and other coupling devices shall be as specified by Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, Part 393, which shall be considered to be a part of this rule. (10-2-89)

**05. Weather Restrictions.** Extreme caution in the operation of an extra length vehicle combination shall be exercised when hazardous conditions such as those caused by snow, ice, sleet, fog, mist, rain, dust, or smoke adversely affect visibility or traction. Speed shall be reduced when such conditions exist. When conditions become sufficiently dangerous, the company or the operator shall discontinue operations and operations shall not be resumed until the extra length vehicle combination can be safely operated. The state may restrict or prohibit operations during periods when in the state's judgment traffic, weather, or other safety conditions make such operations unsafe or inadvisable. (8-25-94)

**06. Trailer Weight Sequence.** In any extra-length combination, the respective loading of any trailer shall not be substantially greater than the weight of any trailer located ahead of it in the vehicle combination. (Substantially greater shall be defined as more than four thousand (4,000) pounds heavier.) (10-2-89)

**07. Operating Restrictions.** Operators of all vehicle combinations governed by this rule shall comply with the following operating restrictions: (8-25-94)

**a.** A minimum distance of five hundred (500) feet shall be maintained between combinations of vehicles except when overtaking and passing. (10-2-89)

**b.** Except when passing another vehicle traveling in the same direction, the combination shall be driven so as to remain at all times on the right hand side of the centerline of a two (2) lane, two (2) way highway, or on the right hand side of a lane stripe or marker of a highway of four (4) or more lanes. (1-1-90)

**c.** Be in compliance with all Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. (3-22-00)

**08. Insurance Requirements.** Every combination operated under this rule shall be covered by insurance of not less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) combined single limit. The permittee or driver of the permitted vehicle combination shall carry in the vehicle evidence of insurance written by an authorized insurer to certify that insurance in this minimum amount is currently in force. (8-25-94)

**09. Tire Limitations.** Single axles on extra-length vehicle combinations shall be equipped with four (4) tires except on the steering axle, or variable load suspension axles (VLS-lift axles), unless equipped with fifteen (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 pounds-per-inch width of tire does not exceed the limits as listed in Section 49-1002, Idaho Code. (5-8-09)