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**IDAPA 39  
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Chapter 16**

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FOR NON-REDUCIBLE LOADS**

**000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.**

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

**001. TITLE AND SCOPE.**

This rule states the maximum sizes allowed by special permit. It does not apply to the transport of oversize manufactured homes or office trailers (see IDAPA 39.03.17). (8-25-94)

**002. -- 009. (RESERVED).**

**010. DEFINITIONS.**

Refer to Rule 39.03.01 for definitions of the terms used in this Rule. (10-2-89)

**011. -- 099. (RESERVED).**

**100. 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. Special permits will not normally be issued for movements which cannot allow for the passage of traffic as provided in Rule 39.03.11, Subsection 100.05, except under special circumstances when an interruption of low volume traffic may be permitted (not to exceed ten (10) minutes) or when adequate detours are available. (10-2-89)

02. Practical Minimum Dimension. Oversize loads shall be reduced to a practical minimum dimension. Except as noted below, permits will not be issued to exceed legal size if the load is more than one (1) unit in width, length or height nor shall permits be utilized for multiple unit loads which may be reduced in number of units and positioned to meet legal dimensions established in Section 49-1010, Idaho Code. (8-25-94)

03. Multiple Unit Overwidth Loads. Multiple unit overwidth loads must be transported on legal dimension vehicles. Overwidth loads may be transported on extra-length combinations not exceeding seventy-five (75) feet combination length exclusive of load overhang. (8-25-94)

04. Overwidth Overhang. Over width loads shall distribute overhang to the sides of the trailer as evenly as possible. (8-25-94)

**101. -- 199. (RESERVED).**

**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. This type 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 (11) feet six (6) inches, maximum height fourteen (14) feet zero (0) inches. (8-25-94)

02. Crane Booms. Special permits may be issued for overwidth transportation of two (2) crane boom units hauled side by side up to a maximum width of ten (10) feet six (6) inches. 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. (8-25-94)

03. Conveyor Units. Special permits may be issued for overwidth transportation of two (2) conveyor units hauled side by side up to a maximum width of ten (10) feet, six (6) inches. 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. (8-25-94)

04. 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 fourteen (14) feet nine (9) inches high on designated highways. The vehicle height must not exceed fourteen (14) feet. A map listing the designated highways is available at the Idaho Transportation Department Permit Office. (8-25-94)

**201. -- 299. (RESERVED).**

**300. OVERWIDTH HAULING VEHICLES, RESTRICTIONS**

01. Width of Hauling Equipment. Special permits shall not be issued for hauling any load on an overwidth vehicle unless such vehicle has been designed and constructed for the specific purpose of hauling a particular load the nature of which makes it impossible to be hauled on a legal width vehicle. Overwidth hauling equipment shall not exceed ten (10) feet in width. The permit issued for oversize loads being hauled on oversize equipment will be valid for the unladen movement or an incidental haul, which shall not include commodities either to or from the point of loading or unloading of the oversize load. The permittee is required to carry proof that the unladen movement or incidental haul is on the way to or from the point of loading or unloading of the oversize load. (8-25-92)

02. Load Dimensions. Any load exceeding the dimensions of the trailer shall be non-reducible in size, and any load exceeding legal allowable weight shall be non-reducible in weight. Annual permits issued for such ten (10) foot hauling vehicles shall be subject to the requirements and limitations of Rules 39.03.19 and 39.03.13, Section 200. (1-3-92)

03. Hauling Equipment in Excess of Ten (10) Feet. Special overwidth hauling vehicles exceeding ten (10) feet in width will be permitted, and may be required, in the hauling of excessively heavy loads to improve the lateral distribution of weight, or when a combination of weight, width, or height makes extra width in the hauling vehicle desirable in the public interest. The use of such vehicles more than ten (10) feet in width shall be restricted to loads requiring an overwidth hauling vehicle and the backhaul permit shall be for the unladen vehicle. (10-2-89)

04. Buildings. Buildings which are too wide to be safely transported on legal-width hauling vehicles shall be moved either on house moving dollies or on trailers which can be reduced to legal width for unladen travel. (10-2-89)

**301. -- 399. (RESERVED).**

**400. OVERWIDTH PERMITS FOR IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY.**

01. Farm Tractors on Interstate Highways. Farm tractors transported on Interstate Highways are required to have special permit authority if width exceeds nine (9) feet. A farm tractor when attached to an implement of husbandry or when drawing an implement of husbandry shall be construed to be an implement of husbandry and is not required to have a permit. Farmers, equipment dealers or custom operators may be issued single trip or annual permits under this rule for transportation of farm tractors, having a width in excess of nine (9) feet to or from a farm involving Interstate Highway travel. The transportation of farm tractors or implements of husbandry for hire, or not being transported from one farm operation to another, is a common-carrier operation. Exemptions from legal width limitation do not apply to common-carrier operations. Farm tractors or implements of husbandry hauled for hire are subject to the same special permit regulation as other oversize loads when the width of load exceeds legal-width limitations. (8-25-94)

02. Other Than Farm to Farm. Implements of husbandry exceeding eight (8) feet six (6) inches in width being transported other than from one (1) farm operation to another farm operation shall require special permit authority. (10-2-89)

03. Farm Permits. Single trip permits must be ordered at the permit office and the operator may post a security bond to establish credit (See Rule 39.03.21, Section 300) and thereby qualify to complete an application form, call the special permit office for a permit number, and carry the application form with the overwidth vehicle in lieu of the special permit form. Under provisions of Rule 39.03.19, Section 100 annual permits will be issued to towing units or to self-propelled farm tractors or towed units, or blanket permits may be issued to an Idaho domicile applicant without vehicle identification. Such blanket permits may be transferred from one vehicle to another vehicle but shall be valid only when the permit is with the overwidth vehicle or load. A photocopy of the permit is valid provided that the Escort Vehicle and Travel Time Requirements Map and Vertical Clearance of Structures Map furnished by the Idaho Transportation Department are included. Such annual permits for implements of husbandry or farm tractors are subject to the same maximum dimensions, travel time exclusions and safety requirements as other overwidth annual permits and are valid for continuous travel for twelve (12) consecutive months. (8-25-94)

**401. -- 499. (RESERVED).**

**500. ADDITIONAL DISTRICT APPROVAL AND ALLOWANCE FOR APPROVAL**

**TIME.** District approval is required when vehicles or loads exceed: sixteen (16) feet wide on red coded routes, eighteen (18) feet wide on black and interstate highways with no loads over twenty-four (24) feet wide allowed on interstate highways, sixteen (16) feet high on any route, and one hundred twenty (120) feet long on any route. District approval will be obtained by the Permit office and may require up to twenty-four (24) hours. See Escort Vehicle and Travel Time Requirements Map for color coded routes. (8-25-94)

**501. -- 599. (RESERVED).**

**600. OVERLENGTH RESTRICTIONS.**

Oversize vehicles operating under authority of a special permit for oversize vehicles which exceed four (4) feet of front overhang, on any vehicle in the combination, are restricted to daylight travel only on two (2) lane, two (2) way highways. (8-25-94)

**601. -- 999. (RESERVED).**