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FOR EXTRA-LENGTH VEHICLE COMBINATIONS**

**000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.**

This rule, governing the movement of vehicles 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 special requirements and routes for extra-length vehicle combinations. (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. DESIGNATED ROUTES.**

The extra-length map listing the designated routes is available at the Idaho Transportation Department offices. (10-2-89)

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

**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 five (105) 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. (12-26-90)

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

a. Routes for combinations not exceeding eighty-five (85) feet in overall length including load overhang (blue-coded routes). An extra-length combination operating on routes designated for eighty-five (85) foot combinations shall be designed and assembled in a manner whereby its maximum off-tracking will not exceed five point five (5.5) 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. (12-26-90)

b. Routes for combinations of vehicles not exceeding one hundred five (105) feet in overall length including load overhang (red-coded routes). An extra-length combination operating on routes designated for one hundred five (105) foot combinations shall be designed and assembled in a manner whereby its maximum off-tracking will not exceed six point five (6.5) feet on a one hundred sixty-five (165) foot radius when computed by the WHI equation referred to above. (12-26-90)

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 (6.5) 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 (6.5) feet off-tracking. The specified interchanges will be authorized for either combinations in excess of six point five (6.5) 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. (10-2-89)

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)

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. All axles on extra-length vehicle combinations shall be equipped with four (4) tires except on the steering axle and on axles which are in tandem axle groups or other multiple axle groups. (8-25-94)

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

**300. SPECIAL PERMITS FOR EXTRA-LENGTH OPERATIONS.**

01. Permit Attachments. All vehicles in extra-length operation shall be allowed to travel under the authority of special permits issued to the power unit. A copy of this rule shall accompany and shall be a part of all annual extra-length permits. An allowable gross loads table shall accompany and be referred to on the face of the permit. Extra-length operations shall be valid only on routes of the state highway system designated for such purposes as set forth on the extra length color coded map of designated routes which shall accompany the permit, and is available at the special permit office and highway district offices. Combination extra-length and excess weight permits are available. (8-25-94)

02. Permit Requirements and Special Requirements. Permits issued for operations of extra-length combinations shall be subject to the general requirements of Section 200, Conditions and Requirements For Extra-Length, and to the following special conditions. (8-25-94)

a. The operator of any extra-length combination which has an internal dimension between points of articulation of thirty (30) feet or more, or of any doubles combination which has an overall length of ninety (90) feet or more, or a combination which is authorized by Subsection 200.02.d., of this rule to operate on selected state highways, shall complete the Off-Track Computation Form to provide internal dimensions of the combination and computation of off-track as evidence of compliance with maximum off-track requirements specified for the designated route being traveled. The completed Off-Track Computation Form, when required, shall be available for inspection by enforcement officers with the permit for the extra-length vehicle combination. When the off-track computation form is required, permit shall be invalid until the form is completed and available for inspection. (8-25-94)

b. Extra-length permits shall become automatically invalid subject to conditions cited in Rule 39.03.23. (10-2-89)

03. Exceeding Allowed Length and/or Off-Track Limitations. Extra-length vehicle combinations apprehended for exceeding allowed length and/or off-track limitations as set forth in this rule shall be subject to the following course of action: (8-25-94)

a. The vehicle combination will be escorted by the apprehending officer to the first safe parking location; and (8-25-94)

b. The driver of the extra length vehicle combination will be issued a single trip, one (1) day permit via a specified route to the nearest permitted route. The condition of this permit shall require an advance escort vehicle to escort the extra-length vehicle combination, and the escort vehicle shall meet the escort vehicle requirements as set forth in Rule 39.03.12. (8-25-94)

**301. -- 999. (RESERVED).**