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000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 72-508, Idaho Code, the Industrial Commission has the authority to promulgate and adopt reasonable rules for effecting the purposes of the Workers' Compensation Act. (7-1-97)

001. TITLE AND SCOPE.

These rules shall be cited as IDAPA 17.08.07, "Idaho Minimum Safety Standards and Practices for Logging -- Transportation of Employees," and shall be applicable to the logging industry in the state of Idaho. (7-1-97)

002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.

There are no written statements which pertain to the interpretation of these rules. (7-1-97)

003. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.

There are no provisions for administrative appeal of these rules. The procedure for appeals in safety matters is prescribed by Sections 72-714 and 72-718 through 72-722, Idaho Code. (7-1-97)

004. -- 008. (RESERVED).

009. DEFINITIONS.

For definitions refer to IDAPA 17.08.01, "Idaho Minimum Safety Standards and Practices for Logging -- General Provisions," Section 007. (7-1-97)

010. TRANSPORTATION OF EMPLOYEES.

01. General Requirements. (7-1-97)

a. Anchored seats and seat belts shall be provided for each person riding in any vehicle. (7-1-97)

b. Vehicles used for the transportation of employees shall be constructed, or accommodated, for that purpose and shall be equipped with adequate seats with back rest properly secured in place, and shall be protected on sides and ends to prevent falls from vehicle. (7-1-97)

c. Vehicles, as described above, shall be equipped with adequate steps, stirrups, or other similar devices, so placed and arranged that the employees can safely mount or dismount the vehicle. (7-1-97)

d. On vehicles designed to transport nine (9) or more passengers, an emergency exit not less than six and one half (6 1/2) feet in area, with the smaller dimension being not less than eighteen (18) inches, shall be placed at the back of the vehicle or near the back on the side opposite the regular entrance. The route to and egress from the exit must be unobstructed. (7-1-97)

e. Every emergency exit shall be conspicuously marked "Emergency Exit" and be so fastened that it can be readily opened by a passenger in the case of emergency. (7-1-97)

f. Emergency doors shall be not less than twenty four (24) inches in width. (7-1-97)

g. Every vehicle used for the transportation of employees shall be equipped with an Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., approved fire extinguisher, or its equivalent, with at least a four (4) BC rating. (7-1-97)

h. Regular drivers of vehicles used for the transportation of employees shall have an appropriate operator's license for the state of Idaho. (7-1-97)

i. Before operating any vehicle, drivers shall check it, and if it is found to be in any way unsafe, it

shall be reported to proper authority and shall not be operated until it has been made safe. (7-1-97)

- j.** Brakes, steering mechanism and lights shall be tested immediately before starting any trip. (7-1-97)
- k.** No flammable materials, or toxic substances shall be transported in passenger compartments of vehicles while carrying personnel. (7-1-97)
- l.** Should it become necessary, and only under emergency conditions, to transport more than the seating capacity in the vehicle, all employees not having seats must ride within the vehicle. (7-1-97)
- m.** Under no circumstances shall employees ride on fenders or running boards. (7-1-97)
- n.** An employee must never ride in, or on, any vehicle with his legs hanging over the end or sides. (7-1-97)
- o.** If tools are transported at the same time that employees are being transported, the tools shall be enclosed in boxes or racks and properly secured to the vehicle. (7-1-97)
- p.** No one shall board, or leave, moving equipment except in case of emergency (except trainmen or others whose duties require such). (7-1-97)
- q.** Equipment shall be operated in a safe manner and in compliance with traffic regulations. Safe speeds shall be maintained at all times. (7-1-97)
- r.** No explosives shall be transported on, or in, vehicles used primarily for carrying personnel while such vehicles are being used for carrying personnel. (7-1-97)
- s.** The driver shall do everything reasonably possible to keep the crew vehicle under control at all times and shall not operate in excess of a speed at which the driver can stop the vehicle in one-half (1/2) the distance between the vehicle and the range of unobstructed vision. The driver shall take into consideration the condition of the roadway, weather factors, curves, grades and grade crossings, the mechanical condition of the equipment and other pertinent items. The driver shall clear rocks from between dual tires before driving on multi-lane roads. A daily inspection shall be made of trucks and trailers with particular attention to steering apparatus, brakes, boosters, brake hoses and connections, reaches and couplings. Any defects found shall be corrected before the equipment is used. (7-1-97)

011. -- 999. (RESERVED).

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