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**IDAPA 39  
TITLE 03  
CHAPTER 16**

**39.03.16 - RULES GOVERNING OVERSIZE PERMITS FOR  
NON-REDUCIBLE VEHICLES AND/OR LOADS**

**000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.**

This rule, governing the movement of vehicles and/or loads which are in excess of the sizes allowed by Section 49-1010, Idaho Code, is adopted under the authority of Sections 40-312 and 49-1004, Idaho Code. (4-5-00)

**001. TITLE AND SCOPE.**

**01. Title.** This rule shall be cited as IDAPA 39.03.16, "Rules Governing Oversize Permits for Non-Reducible Vehicles and/or Loads," IDAPA 39, Title 03, Chapter 16. (4-5-00)

**02. Scope.** This rule states the maximum sizes allowed by overlegal permit. It does not apply to the transport of oversize manufactured homes or office trailers (see IDAPA 39.03.17, "Rules Governing Permits for Manufactured Homes, Modular Buildings, and Office Trailers"). (4-5-00)

**002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.**

There are no written interpretations for this chapter. (3-20-04)

**003. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.**

Administrative appeals under this chapter shall be governed by the rules of administrative procedure of the attorney general, IDAPA 04.11.01, "Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General." (3-20-04)

**004. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE**

There are no documents incorporated by reference in this chapter. (3-20-04)

**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 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Saturday, Sunday and state holidays. (3-20-04)

**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)

**006. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT COMPLIANCE.**

All records associated with this chapter are subject to and in compliance with the Idaho Public Records Act, as set forth in Sections 9-337 through 9-350, Idaho Code. (3-20-04)

**007. -- 009. (RESERVED).**

**010. DEFINITIONS.**

Refer to IDAPA 39.03.01, "Rules Governing Definitions," for definitions of the terms used in this Rule. (4-2-08)

**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. Overlegal permits will not normally be issued for movements which cannot

allow for the passage of traffic as provided in IDAPA 39.03.11, "Rules Governing Overlegal Permittee Responsibility and Travel Restrictions," 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. (4-5-00)

**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 double trailer combinations not exceeding seventy-five (75) feet combination length exclusive of load overhang. (4-2-08)

**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.** Overlegal 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 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 (11) feet six (6) inches. (4-5-00)

**02. Reducible Height Loads.** Overlegal 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. (4-5-00)

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

**300. OVERWIDTH HAULING VEHICLES, RESTRICTIONS.**

**01. Width of Hauling Equipment.** Overlegal permits may be issued for nine (9) foot wide trailers hauling non-reducible loads smaller than nine (9) feet wide. Overlegal permits shall not be issued for trailers over nine (9) feet wide 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 impractical to be hauled on a legal width vehicle. 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. (3-20-04)

**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 IDAPA 39.03.19, "Rules Governing Annual Overlegal Permits," and 39.03.13, "Rules Governing Overweight Permits," Section 200. (4-5-00)

**03. Hauling Equipment in Excess of Ten 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 overlegal 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, or used in the furtherance of a business (not to include farming operations), are subject to the same overlegal permit regulations as other oversize loads when the width of the load exceeds legal-width limitations, and must operate under oversize permits. (3-30-01)

**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 overlegal permit authority. (4-5-00)

**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 IDAPA 39.03.21, "Rules Governing Special Permit Fees," Section 300) and thereby qualify to complete an application form, call the overlegal permit office for a permit number, and carry the application form with the overwidth vehicle in lieu of the overlegal permit form. Under provisions of IDAPA 39.03.19, "Rules Governing Annual Overlegal Permits," 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 and/or load. A photocopy of the permit is valid provided that the Pilot/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. (4-5-00)

**04. Overwidth Farm Trailers.** Trailers or semi-trailers exceeding eight feet six inches (8' 6") wide, but not wider than the implement of husbandry, used for the transportation of implements of husbandry from a farm to a farm for agricultural operations, shall be exempt from overlegal permitting requirements. This exemption does not apply to trailers or semi-trailers used in common carrier operations, hauling for hire or used in the furtherance of a business (not to include farming operations). (3-20-04)

**a.** Exempt trailers, as listed above, may not be used to haul implements of husbandry that are narrower than the overwidth trailer. (3-20-04)

**b.** Empty trailers, as listed above, being used to pick up or drop off an implement of husbandry from a farm to a farm are also exempt and must be reduced to a practical minimum dimension (i.e. dropping side extensions). (3-20-04)

**c.** Exempt trailers, as listed above, may not be used to transport loads other than implements of husbandry from a farm to a farm. (3-20-04)

**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 Overlegal Permit office and may require up to twenty-four (24) working hours. See Pilot/Escort Vehicle and Travel Time Requirements Map for color coded routes. (4-5-00)

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

**600. OVERLENGTH RESTRICTIONS.**

Oversize vehicles operating under authority of a overlegal 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. (4-5-00)

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

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