

COMPLIANCE CIRCULAR

NO. 01/09

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SUBJECT: Changes to pended application for non-reducible overweight loads

Managers, Victoria	Carrier Safety Inspectors	Driver Services Centres
Motor Vehicle Inspectors	Government Agents	MOT (Director, Chair
Passenger Transportation Board	Appointed Agents	Transportation Policy)
Deputy Director, CVSE	Trucking Industry	Supt of Motor Vehicles
Regional CVSE Managers	Law Enforcement Agencies	
Managers, Licensing	Commercial Transport Insp.	
ADM (Compliance and Consumer	(Inspection Stations)	
Services)	Passenger Transportation Branch	

PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR

To advise that effective April 01, 2009, Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement (CVSE) will no longer be issuing pended permit applications for weight checks.

BACKGROUND

Historically, companies transporting non-reducible overweight loads could contact their local Inspection Station and request a pended permit application to travel to an Inspection Station to check their weights. This procedure worked well when Inspections Stations were issuing permits. However, with the implementation of the Provincial Permit Centre and the Inspection Stations no longer issuing permits, problems have arisen. Previously, if permits were issued through the Inspection Stations, the inspectors could cancel the permit if it was deemed not to be needed. [Now with the new system, when permits are not needed the Permit Centre is not being informed. This creates a backlog in the permitting software and negatively affects its operation.]

To address this problem CVSE has implemented a new process for obtaining overweight permits. When a company requests to transport a non-reducible overweight load, they will have to purchase the permit prior to transporting. It will be up to the permit requester to ensure that they request enough weight to cover the actual amount they are transporting. If the applicant weighs the vehicle and decides that the weight on the permit is excessive, they may obtain a copy of their weights from a certified government weigh scale. This weight slip must be produced to the Provincial Permit Centre requesting to decrease their weights on the specific permit. The Provincial Permit Centre will only accept weight slips from certified government scales that are initialed from the issuing officer and state the vehicle plate number.

If the applicant chooses not to produce a weigh slip outlining lower weights, then they will be charged a fee according to what was originally requested. Applicants of overweight permits shall ensure that they request adequate weights when originally requesting overweight permits. If the overweight vehicle is found to be operating at weights higher than what is listed on their permit, enforcement action may be taken.

Refunds for non-reducible overweight loads will only be issued, if the requester can provide proof that the vehicle weighed less than what the permit was issued for. This will require the applicant to provide a certified weight slip indicating vehicle plate number, time and date of weighing.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Dawn Major', is positioned above the printed name and title.

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