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SUBJECT: **Release of a New Reducible Loads Policy and Resulting Changes to Form T-53, Form T-53A and the Commercial Transport Procedures Manual – Effective July 4, 2011**

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PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR

To advise of the release of a new policy increasing the dimensions to which reducible loads may be transported under term and some single trip permits in BC.

Under the new policy, restrictions on the transport of loads of multiple objects will be eased under term permits and small single trip permits up to 3.2 metres wide, 25 metres long and 4.3 metres high (4.8 m high in the Peace River Region).

The new Reducible Loads Policy will be released, and will come into effect, on July 4, 2011.

BACKGROUND

Since Fall 2010, governments of the western provinces have been examining a broad spectrum of commercial transportation initiatives under the New West Partnership Trade Agreement, looking for ways to simplify the transport of goods by road across our borders. The new BC Reducible Loads Policy is the result of one of these initiatives.

The policy is intended to simplify the transport of multiple objects by road, to the extent possible on our unique terrain, without compromising safety for truckers and other users of provincial roads. Over time, many exceptions for specific commodities had accumulated in our policies for reducible loads, and this policy standardizes many of those exceptions.

Effective July 4, 2011 the new Reducible Loads Policy will be published in the Commercial Transport Procedures Manual, and in permit attachment forms T-53 and T-53A.

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