

**Commercial Vehicle Safety
& Enforcement**

Commercial Transport Department

NOTICE

To All Permit Issuers, Industry and the General Public

Speeding Up Over Weight Permit Approvals Requiring Bridge Review

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's Bridge Engineering Branch evaluates bridges for extraordinary overweight load permit requests. Time limited approvals are issued to the Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement Branch to issue permits for these loads. The permit outlines the bridge crossing restrictions based on vehicle configuration and route.

Effective July 2011, the 30 day approval time limit issued by Bridge Engineering Branch was increased to 90 days. This change is anticipated to reduce the number of requests for time extensions by 90 percent, improving efficiencies for industry and government.

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure recognizes that transportation companies, and their clients, need assurance that they will be able to move their loads. Review of time extension requests are undertaken as a quick check that no significant changes to the bridge inventory on route have occurred since the approval was issued, e.g new additional bridges, flood damaged bridges etc. Permit applicants can expect time extensions to be granted as a matter of course.

Yours truly,



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