



Ministry of  
Transportation  
and Infrastructure

## COMPLIANCE CIRCULAR

NO. 07-17

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Amended December 18, 2019  
Amended December 21, 2021  
Amended December 6, 2022

### SUBJECT: Temporary Increase to Steer Axle Weights for Specified Pre-Approved Logging Truck Configurations by General Authorization

Managers, Victoria  
Regional CVSE Managers  
Area Vehicle Inspectors  
Deputy Director, CVSE  
ADM, Highways Department

Passenger Transportation Board  
Trucking Industry  
Carrier Safety Inspectors  
Government Agents  
Law Enforcement Agencies

Commercial Transport Insp.  
(Inspection Stations)  
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### PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR

To advise that the temporary increase for steering axle weights and subsequent overall weights for pre-approved logging truck configurations involving pole trailers and full trailers, which became effective February 6, 2017, is extended pending the results of an ongoing study. Tractor semi-trailer combinations, including B-Trains, are not included in this allowance.

Steering axles for these pre-approved configurations may be up to 9,100 kg, with overall Gross Combination Vehicle Weight (GCVW) for specific combinations increasing accordingly. This extended authorization is valid until **December 31, 2024**, or until a more permanent decision is made, whichever occurs sooner.

It is important to note that tire loading is still limited to a maximum of 110 kg/cm of tire width, manufacturers' ratings must not be exceeded, maximum weights for other axle groups are unchanged, and the gross combination vehicle weight (GCVW) must not exceed 63,500 kg. Winter and summer logging allowances from [section 7.26](#) of the Commercial Transport Regulations still apply to other axle groups in the combinations.

### BACKGROUND

In an effort to reduce confusion regarding maximum steering axle allowances for logging trucks, the Ministry has temporarily authorized increased steering axle weights on a limited number of pre-approved configurations while awaiting the results of an ongoing study. The study is examining dynamic performance and will inform some more permanent decisions about weights on logging configurations.

This general authorization includes pre-approved full trailer, quad axle trailer and pole trailer combinations, but excludes tractor semi-trailer combinations, including B-Train's. The specific configurations granted increased steering axle limits under this temporary authority, as well as updated overall GCVW's, can be found on the attached "Logging Truck Configurations" poster.

**Note:** Industry should exercise caution when investing in new equipment during this allowance period. Steer axle weight allowances for affected vehicles on the attached poster are **temporary** and, pending the results of the ongoing study, may be reduced in the future.

This allowance is authorized pursuant to the general authority granted to the Director of Commercial Vehicle Safety under section 7.02(1) of the Commercial Transport Regulations.

Questions about the authorizations may be directed to the Commercial Transport Program, at [commercial.transport@gov.bc.ca](mailto:commercial.transport@gov.bc.ca).

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SE', followed by a horizontal line.


Samantha Eburne  
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Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Attachment: 4291 – CVSE Truck Poster Temp02.pdf

# LOGGING TRUCK CONFIGURATIONS

**Temporary Weight Limits** • Steer axle weights on pole and full trailer configurations may reach 9,100 kg until December 31, 2024—or until a more permanent decision is made—whichever occurs sooner. This is a TEMPORARY MEASURE pending results of an ongoing study. Maximum tire loading limit of 110 kg/cm applies to all axles and manufacturer's ratings must not be exceeded. GCWV of 63,500 kg including all allowances may not be exceeded by any combination.


3A – TANDEM DRIVE SELF LOADER



9,100 KG (PME) 17,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 26,100 KG


5A – TANDEM DRIVE, TANDEM AXLE (HAYRACK) SEMI TRAILER



6,000 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 40,000 KG


6A – TRIDEM DRIVE, TANDEM POLE TRAILER



9,100 KG 24,000 KG (tridem) 17,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 50,100 KG


6C – TANDEM DRIVE, TRIDEM AXLE (HAYRACK) SEMI TRAILER



6,000 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG 25,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 48,000 KG


6E – TANDEM DRIVE, SINGLE AXLE JEEP, TANDEM POLE TRAILER



9,100 KG 17,000 KG 9,100 KG 17,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 52,200 KG


6G – TANDEM DRIVE, TRIAXLE FULL TRAILER (SHORT LOGS)



9,100 KG 17,000 KG 9,100 KG Max. 24,000 KG 17,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 50,100 KG


7B – TRIDEM DRIVE, TRIAXLE FULL TRAILER (SHORT LOGS)



9,100 KG 24,000 KG 9,100 KG Max. 24,000 KG 17,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 57,100 KG


7D – TRIDEM DRIVE, TRIDEM AXLE (HAYRACK) SEMI TRAILER



7,300 KG 24,000 KG 25,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 56,300 KG


7F – TANDEM DRIVE B-TRAIN (7 AXLE CONFIGURATION)



6,000 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 57,000 KG


7H – TANDEM DRIVE, SINGLE AXLE JEEP, TRIAXLE POLE TRAILER



9,100 KG 17,000 KG 9,100 KG 9,100 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 61,300 KG


7J – TANDEM DRIVE, TANDEM JEEP, TANDEM POLE TRAILER (SHORT LOGS COMBO)



9,100 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 60,100 KG


8A – TRIDEM DRIVE, QUAD AXLE TRAILER (LONG LOGS)



9,100 KG 24,000 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 63,500 KG


8C – TRIDEM DRIVE B-TRAIN (8 AXLE CONFIGURATION)



7,300 KG 24,000 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 63,500 KG


4A – TRIDEM DRIVE SELF LOADER



9,100 KG 24,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 33,100 KG

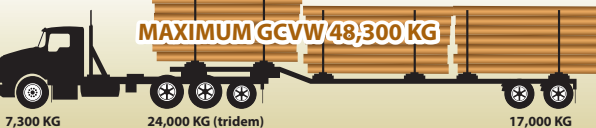
5B – TANDEM DRIVE, TANDEM POLE TRAILER



9,100 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 43,100 KG


6B – TRIDEM DRIVE, TANDEM AXLE (HAYRACK) SEMI TRAILER



7,300 KG 24,000 KG (tridem) 17,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 48,300 KG


6D – TANDEM DRIVE, TRIDEM POLE TRAILER



9,100 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG 25,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 51,100 KG

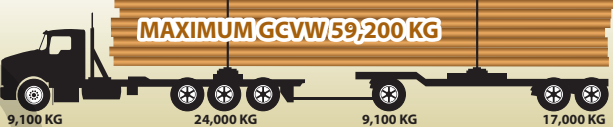
6F – TANDEM DRIVE, TRIAXLE POLE TRAILER (LONG LOGS)



9,100 KG 17,000 KG 9,100 KG 17,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 52,200 KG


7A – TRIDEM DRIVE, TRIAXLE POLE TRAILER (LONG LOGS)



9,100 KG 24,000 KG 9,100 KG 17,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 59,200 KG


7C – TRIDEM DRIVE, TRIDEM POLE TRAILER



9,100 KG 24,000 KG 25,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 58,100 KG


7E – TANDEM DRIVE, QUAD AXLE TRAILER (SHORT LOGS)



9,100 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 60,100 KG


7G – TANDEM DRIVE, SINGLE AXLE JEEP, DOG LOGGER



9,100 KG 17,000 KG 9,100 KG 17,000 KG 9,100 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 61,300 KG


7I – TANDEM DRIVE, TANDEM JEEP, TANDEM POLE TRAILER (LONG LOGS COMBO)



9,100 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 60,100 KG


7K – TANDEM DRIVE, QUAD AXLE TRAILER (LONG LOGS)



9,100 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 60,100 KG


8B – TRIDEM DRIVE, QUAD AXLE TRAILER (SHORT LOGS)



9,100 KG 24,000 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 63,500 KG

8D – TANDEM DRIVE SUPER B-TRAIN (8 AXLE CONFIGURATION)



6,000 KG 17,000 KG 17,000 KG 25,000 KG 17,000 KG

MAXIMUM GCWV 63,500 KG

Winter and summer logging allowances apply to maximum listed GCWV up to 63,500 kg for all logging configurations shown on the poster. Effective January 2017

See Circular 06/17 at [www.cvse.ca/whatsnew.html](http://www.cvse.ca/whatsnew.html) for information about potential future trailer weight reductions affecting tridem, tri-axle and quad-axle pole trailers and tridem hayrack semi-trailers in logging applications.

CTR 7.26 – Summer: March 2 to November 30  
Application of Summer and Winter weight allowances:  
• single (non-steer) – 500 kg  
• tandem/tridem – 1,100 kg  
• combination – 1,500 kg

Winter: December 1 to March 1  
• single (non-steer) – 500 kg  
• tandem/tridem – 1,500 kg  
• combination – 2,500 kg