

RE: Review of Permit Conditions for Carriers Transporting Oversize Loads

Managers, Victoria	ADM, Highways Department	ICBC
Regional CVSE Managers	Trucking Industry	Law Enforcement Agencies
Area Vehicle Inspectors	Carrier Safety Inspectors	
Deputy Director, CVSE	Government Agents	
Commercial Transport	Passenger Transportation	
Inspectors	Board	

Purpose of Circular:

To advise industry, staff and the general public that, effective immediately, CVSE will review permit conditions and may impose additional conditions on overload, oversize and highway crossing permits in relation to vehicles that are operated by a person who has demonstrated a risk to provincial highway infrastructure and/or safety to the public.

Background:

The Minister, or a person appointed by the minister, may issue overload, oversize and highway crossing permits under the authority found in section 8 of the *Commercial Transport Act* and section 7.02 of the Commercial Transport Regulations.

Overload, crossing and oversize permits

8 The minister, or a person appointed by the minister, may, in accordance with the regulations and on application accompanied by the prescribed fee, issue any of the following:

- (a) an overload permit for the operation along a highway of a commercial vehicle;
- (b) a crossing permit for the operation across a highway only of a commercial vehicle or commercial vehicles;
- (c) an oversize permit for the operation along a highway of a commercial vehicle.

Permits

7.02 (1) The minister, or any person authorized by the minister, may, by general authority or by the issuance of a permit number or written permit, authorize the driving or operation on a highway of a commercial vehicle that does not conform to the weight and dimension specifications of this Division, and the fee for the permit is that specified in the Commercial Transport Fees Regulation.

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- (3) The minister or a person authorized by the minister may, by a general authority or by a written permit, authorize the crossing by a commercial vehicle of
- (a) a highway in unorganized territory or an arterial highway in a municipality, or
 - (b) if an officer of the municipality has given written approval to an application for crossing, a highway, other than an arterial highway, in the municipality,

In most instances, operators transporting oversize vehicles and/or loads, provide accurate dimensions when obtaining permits, and follow the conditions included with their permits found on CVSE's [T-Forms](#) page.

Not following permit conditions can pose significant risks to provincial highway infrastructure and to highway users. In order to mitigate these risks, CVSE may impose additional conditions on a permit in the following situations:

- If the operator has a history of violating permit requirements;
- If a vehicle requiring a permit has been involved in an incident that has caused damage to highway infrastructure;
- If the trip is being provided on behalf of a carrier, CVSE may consider the previous compliance with permit requirements or incidences that have caused damage to highway infrastructure in relation to other drivers and vehicles in the carrier's fleet, or a sufficiently related carrier's fleet.

The permit conditions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and additional requirements may include, but are not limited to, additional pilot cars, limited travel windows, or travel under the supervision of a Professional Engineer. CVSE may also consider temporarily restricting access to online permitting and/or limiting carriers to single trip permits only.

Should you require further information, please contact Commercial Transport Program staff at 250 953-4017, or by email at Commercial.Transport@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you,

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