

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation adopts an order to amend TRANS 276.07(5) to (7), (21) and (24), relating to allowing the operation of double bottoms and certain other vehicles on certain specified highways.

ORDER ADOPTING RULE**Analysis Prepared by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: ss. 85.16(1) and 348.07(4), Stats.

STATUTE INTERPRETED: s. 348.07(4), Stats.

General Summary of Rule. This rule amends Trans 276.07(5) to (7), (21) and (24), Wisconsin Administrative Code, to add six segments of highway to the designated highway system established under s. 348.07(4), Stats., and to remove one segment of highway. The actual highway segments¹ that this rule adds to the designated highway system are:

<u>Hwy.</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
STH 121	USH 53 in Pigeon Falls	STH 95
STH 164	I-43	STH 36
STH 20	STH 36	I-94
STH 28	STH 57	STH 32
STH 28	STH 32 in Sheboygan Falls	I-43 in Sheboygan
STH 28	USH 45 in Kewaskum	STH 144 S. of Boltonville

The segment to be removed from the designated long truck route network is:

<u>Hwy.</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
STH 32	STH 28	STH 23

¹ The rule text often achieves these objectives by consolidating individual segments into contiguous segments with new end points. In order to determine the actual highway segment added, it is necessary to compare the combined old designations with the combined new designation.

The long trucks to which this rule applies are those with 53-foot semitrailers, double bottoms and the vehicles which may legally operate on the federal National Network, but which exceed Wisconsin's regular limits on overall length. Generally, no person may operate any of the following vehicles on Wisconsin's highways without a permit: A single vehicle with an overall length in excess of 40 feet², a combination of vehicles with an overall length in excess of 65 feet, a semitrailer longer than 48 feet, an automobile haulaway longer than 66 feet plus allowed overhangs, or a double bottom. Certain exceptions are provided under s. 348.07(2), Stats., which implements provisions of the federal Surface Transportation Assistance Act in Wisconsin.

The effect of this rule will be to extend the provisions of s. 348.07(2)(f), (fm), (gm) and (gr), and s. 348.08(1)(e), Stats., to the highway segments listed above. As a result, vehicles which may legally operate on the federal National Network in Wisconsin will also be allowed to operate on the newly-designated highways. Specifically, this means there will be no overall length limitation for a tractor-semitrailer combination, a double bottom or an automobile haulaway on the affected highway segments. There also will be no length limitation for a truck tractor or road tractor when operated in a tractor-semitrailer combination or as part of a double bottom or an automobile haulaway. Double bottoms will be allowed to operate on the affected highway segments provided neither trailer is longer than 28 feet, 6 inches. Semitrailers up to 53 feet long may also be operated on these highway segments provided the kingpin to rear axle distance does not exceed 43 feet. This distance is measured from the kingpin to the center of the rear axle or, if the semitrailer has a tandem axle, to a point midway between the first and last axles of the tandem. Otherwise, semitrailers, including semitrailers which are part of an automobile haulaway, are limited to 48 feet in length.

These vehicles and combinations are also allowed to operate on undesignated highways for a distance of 5 miles or less from the designated highway in order to reach fuel, food, maintenance, repair, rest, staging, terminal or vehicle assembly or points of loading or unloading.

Fiscal Impact. The Department estimates that there will be no fiscal impact on the liabilities or revenues of any county, city, village, town, school district, technical college district or sewerage district.

Copies of Rule and Contact Person. Copies of this rule are available without cost upon request to the office of the State Traffic Engineer, P. O. Box 7986, Room 501, Madison, Wisconsin, 53707-7986, telephone (608) 266-1273. For questions about this rule making, please call Ashwani Sharma, Traffic Operations Engineer at (608) 266-1273. Alternate formats of the rule will be provided to individuals at their request.

² 45-foot buses are allowed on the National Network and Interstate system by Federal law. Section 4006(b) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991.

TEXT OF RULE

Under the authority vested in the state of Wisconsin, department of transportation, by ss. 85.16(1) and 348.07(4), Stats., the department of transportation hereby amends ch. Trans 276, Wisconsin Administrative Code, interpreting s. 348.07(4), Stats., relating to allowing the operation of double bottoms and certain other vehicles on certain specified highways, as follows:

SECTION 1. Trans 276.07(5) to (7), (21) and (24) are amended to read:

	<u>Route</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Trans 276.07(5)	STH 20	IH 94 W. of Racine <u>STH 36</u>	STH 31 in Racine
	STH 21	STH 27 in Sparta	USH 41 at Oshkosh
	STH 22	USH 51 at North Leeds	STH 54 S. of Manawa
	STH 22	STH 76 w. of Bear Creek	USH 45 in Clintonville
	STH 22	STH 29 . of Shawano	USH 41 in Oconto
	STH 23	STH 11 E. of Shullsburg	IH 90-94 W. of Lake Delton
	STH 23	USH 51 in Endeavor	Taylor Drive in Sheboygan
(6)	STH 25	Minnesota Line	USH 8 in Barron
	STH 26	IH 90 at Janesville	USH 151 S.E. of Waupun
	STH 26	USH 151 N.E. of Waupun	USH 41 S.W. of Oshkosh
	STH 27	USH 18 in Prairie du Chien	STH 171 at Mt. Sterling
	STH 27	USH 14 S.E. of Viroqua	STH 40 in Radisson
	STH 28	STH 33 in Horicon	USH 45 in Kewaskum
	STH 28	STH 144 S. of Boltonville	STH 57 at Waldo

			<u>IH 43 in Sheboygan</u>
	STH 29	USH 10 in Prescott	STH 35 in River Falls
	STH 29	IH 94 W. of Elk Mound	USH 53 at Chippewa Falls
	STH 29	STH 124 S. of Chippewa Falls	USH 41 in Green Bay
	STH 29	USH 141 at Bellevue	STH 42 in Kewaunee
(7)	STH 30	USH 151 in Madison	IH 90-94 E. of Madison
	STH 31	Illinois Line	STH 20 in Racine
	STH 32	IH 43 in River Hills	IH 43 E. of Grafton
	STH 32	IH 43 N. of Port Washington	<u>STH 28 S. of Sheboygan Falls</u>
	<u>STH 32</u>	<u>STH 23 N. of Sheboygan Falls</u>	STH 57 in De Pere
	STH 32	USH 41 N. of De Pere	STH 64 S. of Mountain
(21)	STH 121	STH 93 in Independence	USH 53 in Pigeon Falls
			<u>STH 95 W. of Alma Center</u>
	STH 124	USH 53 N. of Eau Claire	STH 64 E. of Bloomer
	STH 128	STH 29 in Spring Valley	STH 170 in Glenwood City
	STH 129	USH 61 S.E. of Lancaster	USH 61 N.E. of Lancaster
(24)	STH 150	STH 110 at Winchester	USH 41 at Neenah
	USH 151	IA Line at Dubuque, IA	S. Park St. in Madison
	USH 151	IH 90-94 in Madison	USH 41 in Fond du Lac
	USH 151	STH 23 in Fond du Lac	USH 10 at Manitowoc
	USH 158	IH 94 W. of Kenosha	STH 31 in Kenosha
	STH 156	STH 22 in Clintonville	STH 29 in Shawano County

STH 164	STH 43 N. of Big Bend <u>36</u>	USH 18 E. of Waukesha
STH 164	IH 94 N. of Waukesha	STH 190 E. of Pewaukee
STH 164	CTH VV in Sussex	CTH Q W. of Colgate
STH 165	IH 94 W. of Kenosha	STH 31 in Kenosha
STH 170	STH 128 in Glenwood City	STH 79 in Boyceville
STH 172	USH 41 in Ashwaubenon	IH 43 S.E. of Green Bay
STH 173	STH 21 W. of Wyeville	STH 73 in Nekoosa
STH 175	STH 67 in Lomira	CTH P S. of Theresa
STH 178	CTH S N. of Chippewa Falls	Jim Falls

(END OF RULE TEXT)

Effective Date. This rule shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register as provided in s. 227.22(2)(intro.), Stats.

Signed at Madison, Wisconsin, this ____ day
of August, 2002.

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