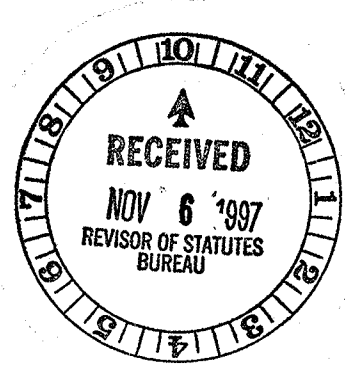


Clearinghouse Rule 97-108

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
 ) ss.  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION )



TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, CHARLES H. THOMPSON, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and custodian of the official records, do hereby certify that the rule, relating to **allowing the operation of double bottoms and certain other vehicles on certain specified highways**, was duly approved and adopted by this Department on November 3, 1997.

I further certify that this copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this Department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department of Transportation at 4802 Sheboygan Avenue, in the City of Madison, Wisconsin, this 3 day of **November**, 1997.

*Charles H. Thompson*  
CHARLES H. THOMPSON  
Secretary

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation adopts an order to amend TRANS 276.07(8), (10), (13), (15) and (16), 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(8), (10), (13), (15) and (16), Wisconsin Administrative Code, to add six segments of highway to the designated highway system established under s. 348.07(4), Stats. The actual highway segments<sup>1</sup> that this rule adds to the designated highway system are:

Hwy.	From	To
STH 35	STH 243 in Osceola	USH 8 in St. Croix Falls
STH 47	USH 8 in Rhinelander	USH 51 in Woodruff
STH 48	STH 63 in Cumberland	USH 53 in Rice Lake
STH 64	STH 13 in Medford	USH 45 in Antigo
STH 70	STH 13 in Fifield	USH 2 in Florence
STH 77	USH 63 in Hayward	USH 51 in Hurley

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 feet<sup>2</sup>, 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.

<sup>1</sup> The proposed 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

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, sewerage district, or any federally-recognized tribes or bands.

**Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis.** The provisions of this rule adding highway segments to the designated system have no direct adverse effect on small businesses, and may have a favorable effect on those small businesses which are shippers or carriers using the newly-designated routes.

**Copies of Rule and Contact Person.** Copies of this rule are available upon request, without cost, at the office of the State Traffic Engineer, P. O. Box 7916, Madison, Wisconsin, 53707, telephone (608) 266-1675. For questions about this rule making, please call Mark Morrison, Traffic & Safety Engineer at (608) 266-1675. Alternate formats of the rule will be provided to individuals at their request.

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## **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(8), (10), (13), (15) and (16) are amended to read:

	Route	From	To
Trans 276.07(8)	STH 35	STH 11 N.E. of E. Dubuque	USH 14 at West Avenue in LaCrosse
	STH 35	STH 93 at Centerville	USH 63 at Hager City
	STH 35	USH 10 in Prescott	IH 94 E. of Hudson
	STH 35	<del>USH 8 in St. Croix Falls</del> <u>STH 243 in Osceola</u>	STH 48 in Frederic
	STH 35	STH 70 N. of Siren	IH 535 in Superior
	STH 36	STH 11 at Burlington	USH 45 in Franklin
	STH 37	USH 10 at Mondovi	USH 12 in Eau Claire
	STH 39	USH 151 in Mineral Point	STH 69 in Monticello
	IH 39	IH 90-94 S. of Portage	STH 29 W. of Rothschild
	Trans 276.07(10)	USH 45	IL Line S. of Bristol
USH 45		USH 41 N. of Oshkosh	STH 150 W. of Menasha
USH 45		STH 76 at Greenville	MI Line at Land O'Lakes
STH 47		USH 10 in Appleton	STH 29 in Shawano
STH 47		USH 45 N. of Aniwa	<del>USH 8 W. of Rhinelander</del> <u>USH 51 in Woodruff</u>
STH 48		STH 70 in Grantsburg	STH 87 S. of Grantsburg
<u>STH 48</u>		<u>STH 63 in Cumberland</u>	<u>USH 53 in Rice Lake</u>
STH 49		USH 41 E. of Brownsville	STH 161 in Iola

Trans 276.07(13)	STH 60	STH 113 in Lodi	IH 43 E. of Grafton
	USH 61	IA Line at Dubuque, IA	STH 129 S.E. of Lancaster
	USH 61	STH 129 N.E. of Lancaster	MN Line at La Crosse
	USH 63	MN Line at Red Wing, MN	USH 2 W. of Ashland
	STH 64	STH 65 in New Richmond	<del>STH 13 in Medford</del>
	<del>STH 64</del>	<del>USH 45 in Antigo</del>	USH 41 in Marinette
Trans 276.07(15)	STH 70	STH 48 in Grantsburg	USH 53-63 in Spooner
	<u>STH 70</u>	<u>STH 13 in Fifield</u>	<u>USH 2 in Florence</u>
	STH 71	STH 54 at Melrose	STH 80 in Elroy
	STH 73	IH 90 N. of Edgerton	STH 19 in Marshall
	STH 73	USH 151 S.W. of Columbus	STH 54 in Wisconsin Rapids
	STH 73	STH 13 West of Pittsville	STH 64 S. of Gilman
Trans 276.07(16)	STH 76	USH 10 W. of Appleton	USH 45 at Greenville
	<u>STH 77</u>	<u>USH 63 in Hayward</u>	<u>USH 51 in Hurley</u>
	STH 78	STH 11 in Gratiot	Pecatonica River S. of Wiota
	STH 78	USH 14 E. of Mazomanie	USH 12 in Sauk City
	STH 79	USH 12 N.W. of Menomonie	STH 170 at Boyceville

(END OF RULE TEXT)

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**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 3 day  
of November, 1997.



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CHARLES H. THOMPSON

Secretary

Wisconsin Department of Transportation



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RE: **CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 97-108**

In the Matter of the Adoption of **TRANS 276**, Wisconsin Administrative Code, relating to **allowing the operation of double bottoms and certain other vehicles on certain specified highways.**

Dear Mr. Poulson:

Enclosed for filing, pursuant to s. 227.20, Wis. Stats., is a certified copy of **CR 97-108**, an administrative rule relating to the above-mentioned matter.

Sincerely,

  
Julie A. Johnson  
Paralegal

Enclosures

cc: Gene Kussart  
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OPB Director  
Jim Gruendler  
Mark Morrison