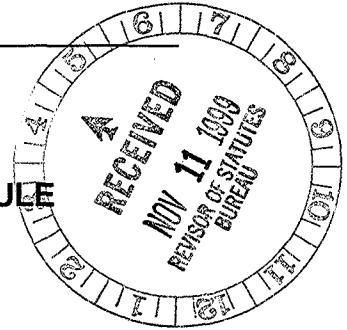


The Wisconsin Department of Transportation adopts an order to amend TRANS 276.07(4), (12) and (17), and create TRANS 276.07(12m) and 276.09(4), relating to allowing the operation of double bottoms and certain other vehicles on certain specified highways.

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 s. Trans 276.07(4), (12) and (17), Wisconsin Administrative Code, to add three segments of highway to the designated highway system established under s. 348.07(4), Stats. The actual highway segments¹ that this rule adds to the designated highway system are:

Hwy.	From	To
USH 18	USH 12 in Cambridge	STH 89 W. of Jefferson
STH 59	STH 26 in Milton	USH 12 in Whitewater
STH 89	STH 26 in Fort Atkinson	IH-94 in Lake Mills

This rule also creates s. Trans 276.09(4) to establish a delayed effective date for the designation of a portion of the STH 59 route from Milton to Whitewater.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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(4) and (12) are amended to read:

	<u>Route</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Trans 276.07(4)	STH 16	CTH "J" N. of Rockland	IH 90 E. of Sparta
	STH 16	STH 78 at Portage	IH 94 N. of Waukesha
	STH 17	USH 8 in Rhinelander	Phelps
	USH 18	IA Line at Prairie du Chien	STH 134 N. of Cambridge <u>STH 89 W. of Jefferson</u>
	USH 18	STH 164 E. of Waukesha	IH 94 E. of Waukesha
	STH 19	USH 12 S. of Springfield Corners	STH 16 E. of Watertown
Trans 276.07(12)	STH 57	IH 43 N. of Saukville	STH 172 S. of Green Bay
	STH 57	IH 43 in Green Bay	Sturgeon Bay
	STH 59	STH 11 in Monroe	USH 14 in Union
	STH 59	USH 12 in Whitewater <u>East Berg Road E. of Milton</u>	USH 164 E. of Waukesha

SECTION 2. Trans 276.07(12m) is created to read:

Trans 276.07(12m)	<u>STH 59</u>	<u>STH 26 in Milton</u>	<u>East Berg Road E. of Milton</u>
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SECTION 3. Trans 276.07(17) is amended to read:

Trans 276.07(17)	STH 80	STH 11 S. of Cuba City	STH 13 at Pittsville
	STH 81	STH 35 N.E. of Beetown	STH 23 S. of Darlington
	STH 81	STH 78 in Argyle	CTH H W. of Beloit
	STH 82	STH 80 N. of Elroy	USH 51 W. of Montello

STH 83	STH 167 S. of Hartford	STH 60 in Hartford
STH 85	USH 10 in Durand	STH 37 S.W. of Eau Claire
STH 87	USH 8 in St. Croix Falls	STH 48 S. of Grantsburg
STH 89	USH 14 N. of Darien	USH 12 in Whitewater
STH 89	HH 94 at Lake Mills	STH 73 in Columbus

SECTION 4. Trans 276.09(4) is created to read:

Trans 276.09(4) The treatment of s. Trans 276.07(12m) applies after the intersection of STH 26 and STH 59 in Milton is modified to accommodate turning trucks in the northeast and southeast quadrants.

(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), Stats.

Signed at Madison, Wisconsin, this 11 day of November, 1999.


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RE: **CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 99-119**

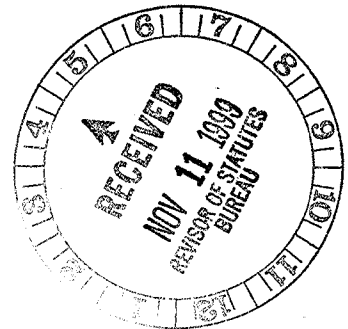
In the Matter of the Adoption of **TRANS 276**, Wisconsin Administrative Code,
relating to **allowing the operation of double bottoms and certain other
vehicles on specified highways**

Dear Mr. Poulson:

Enclosed for filing, pursuant to s. 227.20, Wis. Stats., is a certified copy of **CR 99-119**, an administrative rule relating to the above-mentioned matter.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures

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