## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

Wisconsin Department of Transportation Oversize Overweight RF Permit Condition Sheet for Raw Forest Products, Fruits & Vegetables @90,000 DTSD33

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on the department's Oversize Overweight RF Permit Condition Sheet for Raw Forest Products, Fruits & Vegetables @90,000, s. 348.25. s. 348.26, s.348.27, Trans 259.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

- 1. Department's website: <a href="https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DTSD33">https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DTSD33</a>
- 2. Mailing written comments to:

Division of Transportation System Development Wisconsin Department of Transportation 4822 Madison Yards Way PO Box 7965 Madison, WI 53707-7965

## WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at <u>wisconsindot.gov</u> to allow for ongoing comment.

## AGENCY CONTACT

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## **Wisconsin Department of Transportation - DTSD**

Bureau of Highway Maintenance Oversize/Overweight Permits P.O. Box 7980 Madison, WI 53707-7980 (608) 266-7320

# **RF** PERMIT CONDITION SHEET

RAW FOREST PRODUCTS, FRUITS & VEGETABLES @ 90,000 Pounds

#### 1. AUTHORITY & ELIGIBILITY

- Under Wis. Stats. s. 348.27(9m), and Wis. Admin. Code chs. Trans 259, the department may issue permits to allow the transportation of **raw forest products or fruits or vegetables**.
- "Raw forest products" means logs, pilings, posts, poles, cordwood products, wood chips, sawdust, pulpwood, intermediary lumber, fuel wood and Christmas trees not altered by a manufacturing process off the land, sawmill or factory from which they are taken, as defined by Wis. Stats. s. 348.01(2)(bt).
  - o "Intermediary lumber" includes green or dried lumber, ties and timbers, rough or surfaced to 'hit or miss standard' as defined in the National Hardwood Association (NHLA) rulebook.
- "Fruit or vegetable" means the edible part of plants and the inedible part of plants which are commonly harvested and sold with the edible parts, as defined by Wis. Admin. Code s. Trans 259.02(2)(a).
  - Fruits and vegetables must be transported <u>from the field</u> to storage or <u>from the field</u> to processing facilities.
- Limited movement of bulk potatoes is allowed <u>from storage facilities</u> to <u>rail loading facilities</u>. *See* **Route Limitations** on page 2.
- This permit is issued for overweight only, not oversize.
- This is a divisible load permit.

## 2. SIZE LIMITATIONS - VEHICLE & LOAD

•	Single vehicle length	45' (legal)
•	Truck/trailer vehicle combination length	70' (legal)
•	Tractor/trailer combination length	75' (legal)
•	Overall width	8'6" (legal)
•	Overall height	13'6" (legal)

#### 3. WEIGHT LIMITATIONS

Axle weight limitations are shown on **Form SP4416**, "Raw Forest Agricultural Products Weight Limitations Chart". This permit allows 112.5% of the weight authorized by Wis. Stats. s. 348.15(3)(b-c).

•	Single axle	22,500 lbs
•	Tandem axle	38,300 lbs
•	Maximum GVW	90,000 lbs

#### 4. ROUTE LIMITATIONS

- This permit is not valid for operation on any Interstate, except for:
  - That portion of USH 51 between Wausau and STH 78 and that portion of STH 78 between USH 51 and the I-90/94 interchange near Portage which has been designated as I-39.
  - That portion of USH 41 between I-94 at the Zoo Interchange and I-43 Green Bay, which has been designated as I-41.
- Movement of bulk potatoes <u>from storage</u> to rail is limited to that portion of USH 51 between CTH "V" and CTH "B" in Waushara and Portage counties, and for a distance not to exceed 15 miles from that portion of USH 51 in order to obtain access to USH 51 or to reach fuel, food, maintenance, repair, rest, staging, terminal facilities or points of loading or unloading.

## **5. GENERAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS**

- Vehicles may be operated at the posted speed limit.
- Vehicles that are only overweight may operate 24 hours a day, including weekends and holidays.
- Permits are **suspended** during the annual spring thaw period, usually mid-March through mid-May.

## **6. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

•	Bodily injury, each person	\$150,000	or	\$750,000 combined single limit
•	Bodily injury, each accident	\$450,000		
•	Property damage, each accident	\$300,000		

## 7. VEHICLE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

• Vehicle or vehicles must be registered for not less than the maximum registration weight available or the permit weight, whichever is less.

#### 8. PERMIT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Apply online or by using Multiple Trip Form MV2612.
- Permits may be issued for 3 to 12 months.

## 9. PERMIT FEE INFORMATION

- Submit the required fee, per the table below, with your application.
- Make checks payable to: Registration Fee Trust.
- Calculate fees from the effective **day** of the permit, not the calendar months. (*Example*: 9/5 to 11/20 greater than 2 months to the day, but less than 3 months, would be calculated as 3 months.)

# Months	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
Weight:	200.00	100.22	101 67	165.00	140 22	121 67	115.00	00.22	91.67	65.00
90,000		198.33	181.67	165.00	148.33	131.67	115.00	98.33	81.67	65.00

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