

Clearinghouse Rule 97-139

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 February 6, 1998.

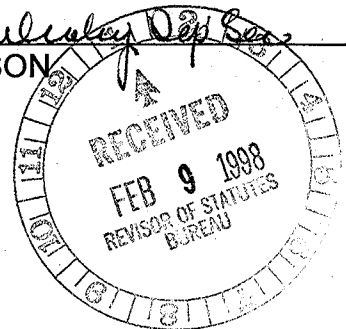
I further certify that this copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this Department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.



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 6 day of **February**, 1998.

Charles H. Thompson

CHARLES H. THOMPSON
Secretary



4-1-98

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation adopts an order to amend TRANS 276.07(15) and (31), 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(15) and (31), 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:

<u>Hwy.</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
STH 73	STH 19 in Marshall	USH 151 S.W. of Columbus
Dodge Co. "G"	STH 19 W. of Hubbleton	USH 151 S. of Beaver Dam
Dodge Co. "J"	STH 16/60 N. of Reeseville	STH 26 W. of Clyman
Dodge Co. "S"	USH 151 N.E. of Columbus	STH 26 S. of Juneau

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 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.

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.

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 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.

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 adopts the amendment of 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(15) is amended to read:

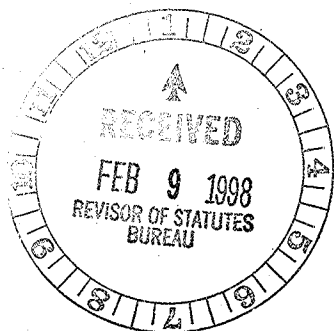
	<u>Route</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Trans 276.07(15)	STH 70	STH 48 in Grantsburg	USH 53-63 in Spooner
	STH 71	STH 54 at Melrose	STH 80 in Elroy
	STH 73	IH 90 N. of Edgerton	STH 19 in Marshall
	STH 73	USH 151 S.W. of Columbus	STH 54 in Wisconsin Rapids
	STH 73	STH 13 W. of Pittsville	STH 64 S. of Gilman
Trans 276.07(31)	CTH A	STH 26 S. of Juneau	STH 68 at Fox Lake
	CTH A	STH 33 W. of Fox Lake	North County Line
	CTH AW	West County Line	STH 49 W. of Waupun
	CTH C	CTH A E. of Fox Lake	USH 151 W. of Atwater
	<u>CTH G</u>	<u>STH 19 W. of Hubbleton</u>	<u>USH 151 S. of Beaver Dam</u>
	<u>CTH J</u>	<u>STH 16-60 N. of Reeseville</u>	<u>STH 26 W. of Clyman</u>
	CTH P	STH 60 S. of Rubicon	STH 175 S. of Theresa
	<u>CTH S</u>	<u>USH 151 N.E. of Columbus</u>	<u>STH 26 S. of Juneau</u>

(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 6 day of February, 1998.

Charles H. Thompson
 CHARLES H. THOMPSON
 Secretary
 Wisconsin Department of Transportation





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Governor

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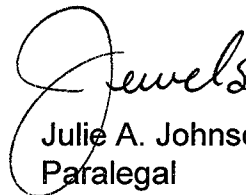
RE: **CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 97-139**

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 97-139**, an administrative rule relating to the above-mentioned matter.

Sincerely,


Julie A. Johnson
Paralegal

Enclosures

cc: Gene Kussart
Mike Goetzman
Sandy Beaupre
Jim Gruendler
Mark Morrison

