

# General Regulations



## **7 CSR 10-25.020 Oversize/Overweight Permits**

*PURPOSE: This rule provides a uniform system for issuing special permits to regulate vehicles used on state highways that when loaded exceed the limitations on length, width, height, and/or weight established in Chapter 304, RSMo.*

*PUBLISHER'S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that publication of the entire text of the material that is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. This material as incorporated by reference in this rule shall be maintained by the agency at its headquarters and shall be made available to the public for inspection and copying at no more than the actual cost of reproduction. This note applies only to the reference material. The entire text of the rule is printed here.*

### **(1) General Regulations for Oversize/Overweight Permits.**

(A) In the design and fabrication of all vehicles, machinery, equipment, structures, buildings, or other units or components, careful consideration must be given to the legal and physical limitations applicable to all available forms of transportation between point of fabrication and the original or subsequent destinations.

(B) Except for the following exceptions, permits will not be granted for travel on the state highway system for movement of a load reducible in size or weight. Reducible portions of any oversize or overweight load shall include but are not limited to any attachment, accessory, member, or assembly designed to be detached with hand tools:

1. Farm products (hay), and farm equipment with dual tires, and construction equipment with blade/bucket attached, but only as permitted in sections (6) and (10);
2. Emergency response vehicles loaded with salt, sand, chemicals, or a combination thereof, with or without a plow or blade attached in front, and being used for the purpose of spreading the material on state highways that are or may become slick or icy;
3. Military vehicles transporting marked military equipment or material; or
4. A vehicle carrying raw fluid milk products from a farm and/or raw milk products to or from a milk plant, receiving station, or transfer station.

(C) Unladen vehicles or combinations are to comply with legal size and weight limitations as listed in Chapter 304 of the Missouri Revised Statutes unless exceptions can be justified by safety considerations based on an oversize or overweight object to be transported by the vehicle.

(D) Economic factors in either the saving of time or costs for routing will not be considered of primary importance in the routing process, and the department reserves the right to designate routing and travel time for all movements. Safety, structure capacities and clearances, roadway widths, and traffic volumes will all be considered in route determination. The routing will primarily use the designated state highway system and be as direct as possible. When streets or highways off the state highway system are used, it will be the responsibility of the applicant to obtain approval from the agency responsible for that off-state highway and adhere to all bridge capacity postings off the state highway system.

(E) Limitations for all oversize and overweight load movements will be determined by the least hazardous road conditions and volume of traffic which will be encountered and the practical capacity of the roadway, structures, and the vehicle involved, based upon axle loads. All responses to requests for routing approval prior to application are furnished for general information only. Due to constantly changing highway conditions, such routing approval is subject to change without notice.

(F) Exceptions may be made for feasible oversize and/or overweight movements certified as essential to national defense, upon receipt of written documentation by designated officials within the Defense Department.

(G) Permits may specify maximum and minimum speeds to reduce hazards or control impact factors on pavement or structures and may specify lane restrictions while crossing structures to provide for better load distribution to the structural members of that structure. Power units shall have sufficient weight and power to handle the load safely and maintain reasonable speeds.

(H) Each single trip permit covers the movement of one (1) load only, between one (1) origin and one (1) destination, except for the multi-stop permit designed for transportation of farm implement delivery only. Legal size loads will not be permitted as part of a multi-stop permit. Moves must be completed in seven (7) moving days.

(I) Movement is restricted on the following holidays: New Year's Day (January 1), Memorial Day (last Monday in May), Independence Day (July 4 or designated day of observation), Labor Day (first Monday in September), Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November), and Christmas Day (December 25).

1. Restrictions will begin at 12:00 noon on the last business day preceding the holiday and apply until one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise on the first business day following observation. When Independence Day falls on a Saturday, the holiday will be observed on the preceding Friday. When Independence Day falls on a Sunday, the holiday will be observed on the following Monday.

(J) The permittee may travel a distance of one (1) mile onto another contiguous state highway for food, fuel, repairs, and rest, provided that no structures are crossed, no posted weight limits are exceeded, travel under overhead structures can be completed safely, and oversize loads do not cause an obstruction. All other provisions of the permit must be followed.

(K) Travel under permit must be with properly licensed, insured, and permitted vehicles under Chapters 260, 301 through 307, 390, and 622 of the Missouri Revised Statutes, and vehicles must be licensed for maximum weights in order to obtain overweight permits.

(L) All references to recognized sunrise and sunset times, as applicable to the travel restrictions herein, shall be in accordance with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – National Weather Service.

(M) References to highway types utilized throughout this rule shall mean the following:

1. Divided highway—A travelway with two (2) or more traffic lanes in opposing directions separated by a physical barrier, raised curbed median, or depressed earth/vegetated median;
2. Multilane undivided highway—A travelway with two (2) or more traffic lanes in opposing directions that is not separated by a median or other physical barrier. Undivided highways are typically delineated by pavement markings only; and
3. Two- (2-) lane highway—A travelway typically with one (1) traffic lane in each opposing direction. This definition includes travelways with intermittent or directionally alternating continuous third lane sections designed to facilitate turning, climbing, passing, and/or other traffic management purposes.

**(2) Financial Responsibility.**

(A) An applicant for an oversize/overweight permit shall have coverage for bodily injury to, or death of, an individual and for loss or damage to property. Coverage shall be effective during all of the applicant's oversize/overweight operations authorized under such permit covering each motor vehicle operating under the authority of the applicant's permit in amounts not less than the following:

**SCHEDULE OF MINIMUM LIMITS OF COMBINED  
SINGLE LIMIT AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY**

| Type of Move                               | Amount      |
|--|-------------|
| 1) Routine                                 | \$750,000   |
| 2) Super Heavy and Large Loads             | \$2,000,000 |
| 3) Noncommercial Building (House) Movement | \$2,000,000 |

(B) Any automobile insurance policy required under this administrative rule shall not include coverage of the cargo transported under the permit, and instead, any cargo transported by the applicant under a permit issued under this administrative rule shall be insured under a separate insurance policy.

(C) The Motor Carrier Services' director or his/her representative may reject an applicant's request for a permit or suspend the applicant's privileges of obtaining oversize/overweight permits for failure to comply with this section of the rule.

(D) Permits issued for excessive overweight may require additional financial responsibility to protect the state in regard to excessive damage to the state highway system and its facilities.

(E) Refer to subsection (8)(C) for financial responsibility for escorts.

**(3) Agreements and Conditions.**

(A) The permittee agrees to the following conditions when a permit is issued:

1. The permittee named therein agrees to assume full responsibility for injury to persons or damage to public or private property, including the state highway system and its facilities, caused by the movement of the vehicle or its load under the special permit involved;
2. The permittee agrees to hold harmless the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, the Missouri Department of Transportation, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, their agents, servants, and employees, from any and all claims, judgments, damages, or expenses of any kind on the part of the applicant, permittee, or any person, firm, or corporation having an interest in either the vehicle, the load, or other property involved in the movement over the route prescribed in said permit;
3. The permittee, as a condition to the issuance of a special permit, agrees to indemnify the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, the Missouri Department of Transportation, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, their agents, servants, or employees, for any sums which it, its agents, servants, or employees are or may be required to expend in defense of any claims or actions for damages and to indemnify the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, the Missouri Department of Transportation, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, their agents, servants, or employees, arising out of the movement, under this

special permit, of a vehicle or load over the route prescribed by the Missouri Department of Transportation, its agents, servants, or employees;

4. The permittee will cause the operators of all motor vehicles involved in the movement to take all necessary precautions to avoid hazards existing along the prescribed route, such as but not limited to construction projects, physical restrictions, or conditions which will not permit the movement of the vehicle and its load without detriment to the state highway or its drainage structure, signs, guardrails, signals, shoulders, pavement, right-of-way, or any other facility;
5. The permittee or their representative may utilize a roadway geometric modeling software application, as approved by the department, or must physically drive the proposed route to be used prior to issuance and attest that all turns, curves, etc. can be safely negotiated if the load is greater than one hundred fifty feet (150') long. If the load encounters problems negotiating such route during transportation, the company will be charged new permit fees (including a bridge study analysis for superloads). In addition, penalties may be assessed and future permit applications may be denied;
6. Should the permittee or the permittee's officers, agents, employees, or operators encounter a condition on the route prescribed not contemplated by the permit, or signs or markings indicating an emergency condition creating a reasonable doubt as to the continuance of the trip, the permittee, officer, agent, employee, or operator of the vehicle shall immediately notify the appropriate official or employee of Motor Carrier Services Division of the Missouri Department of Transportation for a suggested course of action. In any event, departure from a prescribed route, except by specific authorization of Motor Carrier Services Division, renders the permit void;
7. Any misrepresentation in the application for a special permit or any operation not made in strict compliance with the permit and not in compliance with 7 CSR 10-25.020, except as specifically exempted, is unlawful and renders the permit void;
8. Any permit used for a movement other than that for which granted, or any permit that has been altered, is void in its entirety and the

movement involved will be in violation of the law, as though such permit had never been granted;

9. Permits voided by a violation shall be surrendered to any law enforcement officer or to any employee of the Missouri Department of Transportation;
10. A new permit and required fees covering the remainder of the movement will not be issued until all charges arising out of the violation have been satisfied and the routing or movement modified to meet the regulations established herein;
11. Permits are issued by authority of law only when the public safety or public interest justifies their issuance. Any misrepresentation in the application or violation of the terms of the permit may result in denial of future applications of the violator;
12. Permission is granted only for dimensions and up to the weight, as specified, and compliance in all other respects is required with Chapters 260, 301 through 307, 390, and 622 of the Missouri Revised Statutes as amended, all other applicable state and federal laws and rules and regulations of state and federal regulatory bodies;
13. All permittees are responsible for the accuracy of their permits and shall notify the Missouri Department of Transportation, Motor Carrier Services Division of any inaccuracies to be corrected before movement commences; and
14. When required as a condition of the permit, the permittee must contact the appropriate district representative prior to travel. The district representative will consider any current system conditions that may affect the planned travel and coordinate any changes needed to facilitate the movement.

(B) In addition to these agreements and conditions, the following will apply:

1. All violations or misrepresentations will be recorded and the permittee will be notified in writing that future violations may result in a suspension or revocation of privileges;
2. Flagrant or repeated violations of permit restrictions and/or traffic safety laws in combination thereof are not in the interest of public safety and the permittee will be advised in writing if his/her record is such that future permits should not be granted in the opinion of the Missouri Department of Transportation. A suspension of such privilege shall last for two (2) weeks and a revocation of such privilege for one (1) year;
3. Suspensions, revocations, and reinstatements may be modified or rescinded by the Motor Carrier Services' director or his/her representative, and their decision shall be final.