Sub-Part 6601 – Office of Enforcement

Chapter 03001 Over-Dimensional Permits

Purpose

- Define the authority for Mississippi Department of Transportation Office of Enforcement Permit Division to issue over dimensional permits.
- This rule cites the statutory authority for the issuance of over dimensional permits and displays the over dimensional permitting rules as adopted by the Mississippi Transportation Commission.
- The Mississippi Transportation Commission's is authorized to establish rules by Section § 65-1-8 (2)(c), et. seq. of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated as amended. The Mississippi Department of Transportation Office of Enforcement Permit Division is authorized to issue over-dimensional permits by Transportation Commission Order. All cites to the Mississippi Code for this rule may be accessed at www.state.ms.us.

Continuous Movement Permit 57 Foot Box Van Trailers

- The Mississippi Transportation Commission established a new blanket permit for 57 foot box van trailers. The blanket permit will allow carriers to move 57 foot box van trailer, otherwise legal, seven (7) days per week and 24 hour per day movement.
- 201 The following rules and regulations are adopted with this procedure:
 - 1. In order to receive a 57 foot box van trailer blanket permit, each company must submit an application to the permit section with a list of highways to be traveled.
 - 2. A Certificate of insurance for \$25,000 property damage and \$250,000 liability must be on file with the Mississippi Department of Transportation Permit Office.
 - 3. The fee for the 57 foot box van trailer blanket is \$100.00 per year, per carrier. The blanket must be renewed each year by the carrier. A current Certificate of Insurance has to be on file with the Department of Transportation prior to renewal of all blanket permits.
 - 4. The carrier must pay all other fees required by law.
 - 5. The carrier will be issued a blanket permit with designated routes. If a copy of the permit is not produced by the driver upon request and/or the carrier is off the approved route then the move will be deemed not to have a permit and the carrier will be penalized accordingly.
 - 6. Mississippi Department of Transportation may exclude or designate certain portions of highways for the use of the permit on the initial blanket or at any time during the life of the blanket with advanced notification to the carrier.
 - 7. Any miss-statement or misrepresentation on the part of the carrier on the application or on any permit may result in the suspension or revocation of permit.
- The Department of Transportation reserves the right to require escorts with a height pole and/or additional escorts for safety measures as deemed advisable due to particular loads and/or routes.

Continuous Movement/Self Issued Blanket Permits (CMSI) Rules and Regulations

- During the 1996 session the Mississippi Legislature enacted Senate Bill 2320 which established a new form of oversize/overweight blanket permit for vehicles and loads (non-divisible) which do not exceed 95,000 pounds and are otherwise legal in terms of size. The blanket permit will authorize carriers to move seven (7) days a week, twenty-four (24) hours a day. It will also authorize carriers to issue their own permits without contacting the Mississippi Department of Transportation. Since this office will not control routing after the blanket is issued, great care must be taken during the application process to insure that the Department has a firm understanding of the nature of these loads and how they are being moved. Once an application has been approved a Continuous Movement/Self Issued (CMSI) blanket permits agreement between the carrier and Mississippi Department of Transportation will be signed and issued to the carrier.
- 301 After issuance of the blanket permit, operational policies and procedures are as follows:
 - 1. The fee for the CMSI blanket is \$500.00 per year per carrier. The blanket and the Insurance must be renewed each year by carrier.
 - 2. The carrier must pay all other fees required by law.
 - 3. The carrier will be issued a series of pre-numbered permit forms. The carrier will complete the permit form prior to any move, fax the form to the Mississippi Department of Transportation Permit Office, and issue a copy of the permit to the driver of the vehicle. If the permit is not faxed to the Permit office or if it is not produced by the driver upon request the move will deemed not to have a permit and will be penalized accordingly.
 - 4. Mississippi Department of Transportation Permit staff will review submitted permits and will bill the carrier account. If any discrepancies are noted by the staff the carrier will be notified prior to billing.
 - 5. Mississippi Department of Transportation may exclude certain portions of highways for the use of the permit on the initial blanket or at any time during the life of the blanket with advance notification to the carrier.
 - 6. Any misstatement or misrepresentation on the part of the carrier on the application or on any permit, may result in the suspension or revocation of the CMSI blanket.
 - 7. A certificate of insurance in the amount of \$25,000 property damage and \$250,000 liability must be on file with the Miss Department of Transportation Permit Office.

Blanket Permit Rules and Procedures

- 400 An Oversize Blanket permit, an Overweight self issuance Blanket Permit, and/or Oversize/ Overweight self issuance Blanket Permit may be issued to any carrier to move non-divisible loads with a width no greater than 14 feet, otherwise legal upon approval of written application submitted by the carrier.
- 401 The Mississippi Department of Transportation has developed a new Oversize Blanket Permit that was approved by the Transportation Commission on April 14, 1998. The new blanket permit will be issued for non-divisible loads and/or vehicles over 14 ft. in width

up to 16 ft. in width and 14 ft. in height, with legal weight. There will be no charge for this blanket authority; however each permit will continue to cost \$10.00. Pre-numbered permit books will be purchased from the MDOT permit division. Each book will contain 50 blank permits and will cost \$500.00.

- 1. The permittee will complete a permit form for each trip, place the original in the vehicle and leave the copy in the book. Completed books must be returned to the MDOT permit office.
- 2. The customer must have a charge account set up with the Mississippi Department of Transportation and no outstanding warrants to purchase the Oversize Blanket permit.
- 3. A copy of the oversize blanket and the permit must be carried in the vehicle at all times or the permit will be invalid. Daylight movement only. All movements to be on highways with a minimum pavement width of 20 ft. One escort is required for all loads and/or vehicles that exceed 12 ft. in width (Front on 2 lane highways or the rear on 4 lane highways). There will be certain sections of highway, which may not be used under this blanket. These sections will be specified on the blanket permit. Any vehicle and/or load in violation of the permitting rules or regulations, or apprehended on prohibited sections of highway will be fined \$250.00 and/or a 6-month permit suspension.
- The written application for overweight or overweight/oversize loads will include, but not be limited to:
 - 1. Company Name and Address
 - 2. Bill to Name and Address
 - 3. Insurance Company Name and Address
 - 4. MDOT Charge Account Number
 - 5. Load Description
 - 6. Gross Weight and Width (14ft.MAX. Width)
 - 7. Axle Weights and Axle Spacing
 - 8. Make or Model and Serial number or Tag number of equipment
 - 9. Drawing of the Vehicles and Loads
 - 10. List Preferred Standard Routes (If Any)

403 Each carrier applicant must:

- 1. Have a Certificate of Insurance on file at the Vehicle Permit Division with the Mississippi Department of Transportation named as the certificate holder.
- 2. Have a MDOT charge account.
- 3. Submit a credit card, check or money order made payable to the Department of Transportation in the amount of \$100.00 for overweight only, \$100.00 for oversize only and \$200.00 for overweight/oversize with the application or written instruction to bill the carrier's account.
- The applications will be reviewed by the Office of Enforcement and the MDOT Bridge Division and Roadway Design Division.
- 405 Denied applications will be returned to applicants with reasons for denial.

- The written application for motor cranes and/or off-road self powered equipment for Blanket authority will be under the same guide lines as the overweight and overweight/oversize application. The following additional information must be submitted with application:
 - 1. A certified scale receipt from a MDOT permanent scale that indicates the dimension of each axles spacing, each axle weight, and the date and scale officers' signature.
 - 2. A copy of the manufacturer's data sheet of axle spacing and axle weight for the particular model vehicle.
 - 3. A written description of what equipment has been added to or removed from the vehicle.
 - **NOTE:** Cranes and off-road self-powered equipment that are currently on blanket permits shall be re-weighed at each renewal.
- 407 Approved applicants will be sent a blanket permit that will include:
 - 1. Specifications of the vehicles and loads
 - 2. Effective dates of the permit
- Overweight, Oversize/Overweight, motor cranes and off-road self-powered equipment Blanket Permit holders will be issued a series of pre-numbered permit books. Prior to each move the permittee will complete the information on the permit form and fax it to the Vehicle Permit Office. The permittee will place a copy of the permit and the blanket permit in the cab of the vehicle. If the Permit and the Blanket Permits are not on the vehicle it may be deemed not to be permitted and may be penalized accordingly.
- 409 The permit form will include Origin, Destination, and Routes traveled. Upon receiving the permit information, the permit office will check the calculation of the fees and bill the carrier's account.
- 410 Any vehicle and load operating under such a permit and weighed by Enforcement Officers at a greater weight than specified on the blanket permit will be penalized from the permitted weight.
- 411 All vehicles must remain on routes specified on permit or will be deemed not to have a permit penalized according to legal road weight.
- 412 A Blanket Permit for oversize up to 14ft in width other wise legal for non-divisible loads may be obtained as follows:
 - 1. A written request is required either faxed to (601) 359-5928 or mailed to the Mississippi Department of Transportation, P. O. Box 1850, Jackson, MS, 39215.
 - 2. A certificate of insurance on file in the permit office with the Mississippi Department of Transportation named as the certificate holder.
- Vehicles and loads operating under an overweight, oversize, overweight/oversize, crane or off-road self powered blanket permit may travel Monday through Saturday from 30

- minutes after sun-rise to 30 minutes before sun-set unless otherwise specified on the blanket
- 414 Escorts are required for all loads exceeding 12ft in width. The Mississippi Department of Transportation reserves the right to require escorts with a height pole and or additional escorts for safety measures as deemed advisable due to particular loads and/or routes.
- 415 Any misstatement or misrepresentation of any information on the blanket application or self issued permit may result in the revocation or suspension of all permit privileges.
- 416 Any load determined by Enforcement Officers not to be a non-divisible load will be deemed not to have a permit and will be penalized based on the road weight limit.
- Movement will not be allowed on Sunday, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas, or after 12:00 noon on days preceding listed holidays. (Excluding 57 foot box van trailers which will allow seven day twenty four hour movement otherwise legal) and (Sealed containers which will allow Seven day twenty four hour movement)? Transports of loads in excess of twelve (12) feet shall time movements to avoid the major urban areas of Jackson, Memphis/Southaven and the Gulf Coast (excluding I-10) from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise specified on the blanket.

Oversize/Overweight Blanket Permit Operational Policies and Procedures

- 500 The carrier must renew the blanket each year.
- 501 The carrier must pay all fees required by law.
- The carrier will be issued a series of pre-numbered permit forms. The carrier will complete the permit form prior to any move, fax the form to the Mississippi Department of Transportation Permit Office, and issue a copy of the permit to the driver of the vehicle. A copy of the permit and the blanket must be in the vehicle at all times. If the permit is not faxed to the Permit Office and if the permit and the blanket are not produced by the driver upon request the move will be deemed not to have a permit and will be penalized accordingly. Additionally if the load does not conform to the specifications contained in the blanket authorization, the load will be deemed not to have a permit and will be penalized accordingly.
- 503 Mississippi Department of Transportation Permit staff will review submitted permits and will bill the carriers account. If staff notes any discrepancies the carrier will be notified prior to billing.
- Mississippi Department of Transportation may exclude certain portions of highways for the use of permit in the initial blanket or at any time during the life of the blanket with advance notification to the carrier.
- Any misstatement or misrepresentation on the part of the carrier on any part of the permit may result in the suspension or revocation of the Oversize/Overweight blanket.
- The carrier must observe all restrictions on the Oversize/Overweight blanket or will be deemed not to have a permit and penalized accordingly.

- 507 The Oversize/Overweight blanket is for daylight movement only. No movement allowed on Sundays.
- Movement is allowed except on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas or after 12:00 noon on the day proceeding the listed holidays.
- A certificate of insurance must be on file with the MDOT Permit Office. If the insurance expires or is canceled the blanket and the permits will be suspended.
- 510 This is to certify that I have received and agree to follow the operational policies and procedures of the oversize/overweight blanket.

Rules for Permitting Two-Piece Loads

- Persons in the timber industry may obtain a blanket authorization for \$200.00 per year or pro rated according to expiration date of insurance, which will enable them to write their own permits for the purpose of hauling two pieces of equipment used in the timber industry. The vehicle gross weight of which shall not exceed 100,000 pounds or 14 feet overall width.
- 601 Permit applicants must submit a written application to the MDOT in a manner prescribed by the MDOT, and must open a charge account with the state. (Call Financial Management Div. (601)359-7055)
- Upon approval of the blanket authorization, the carrier will be issued pre-numbered permits. Each time the carrier makes a move pursuant to the blanket authorization, the carrier will complete a permit form, place a copy in the truck and fax a copy to the MDOT Permit Office. On the permit form the carrier will include origin, destination and route to be traveled. In routing the move the carrier will not use low-weight roads and will avoid low-posted bridges.
- The permit office will bill the carrier's account upon receipt of the faxed permit, at the rate prescribed by statute, \$.05 per thousand pounds of excess weight per mile traveled.
- The carrier, as a part of the application, must submit a certificate of insurance indicating that the carrier has coverage in the amount of \$25,000 property damage and \$250,000 liability.
- Any carrier that does not have a copy of the permit on the truck, failed to fax the permit to the MDOT Permit Office prior to the move, or whose gross vehicle weight exceeds 100,000 pounds will be deemed not to have a permit and will be penalized accordingly. Additionally, violations of these rules will constitute grounds for suspension or revocation of this blanket permit.
- 606 Under this permit authority no tandem axle may exceed 44,000 pounds and no tri-axle may exceed 60,000 pounds

Rules for Special Heavy Haul Blanket Permit

- 700 General rules applying to all special heavy haul blanket permits for vehicles transporting heavy equipment.
- An enactment to authorize the Mississippi Department of Transportation to issue special permits for vehicles transporting heavy equipment with a <u>non-divisible load having</u> a gross vehicle weight of 140,000 pounds or less: to provide that the permit shall be issued for the pulling unit and shall be nontransferable: to provide the fee for such permit; to amend sections 27-19-81 and 27-19-89, Mississippi Code of 1972, in conformity thereto; and for related purposes (Senate Bill 2676) which is available at www.state.ms.us.
- 702 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi
- 703 Section 1.
 - 1. In addition to other permits authorized to be issued for overweight loads, the Department of Transportation is authorized to issue special permits for vehicles transporting heavy equipment with a non-divisible load having a gross weight of one hundred forty thousand pounds (140,000 lbs) or less. The permit shall be issued for the pulling unit and shall be nontransferable. The fee for such permit shall be Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00) and the permit shall expire one (1) year from the beginning movement date. Movement under such permit shall be under such safety and equipment restrictions as the department may establish. The department shall specify the routes over which such movement may be conducted.
 - 2. This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2006
- Special Heavy Haul <u>only</u> Blanket permits for a period of twelve (12) months may be issued to licensed dealers and transporters of heavy equipment with a non-divisible load having a gross vehicle weight of 140,000 lbs or less and otherwise legal.
- Special Heavy Haul only Blanket permit shall be issued for the pulling unit and shall be nontransferable. The fee for such permit shall be Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00) and the permit shall expire one (1) year from the beginning movement date. Movements under such permit shall be made under such safety and equipment restrictions as the department may establish. The Department shall specify the routes over which such movements may be conducted.
- 706 The customer must not have any outstanding warrants to purchase the Special Heavy Haul Blanket permit.
- All vehicles permitted for movement of overweight loads under the Special Heavy Haul Blanket are for daylight move only Monday through Saturday with normal travel restrictions. All movements to be on highways with a minimum pavement width of 20 feet. There will be certain sections of highway, which may not be used under this blanket. These sections will be specified on the Special Heavy Haul Blanket.
- 708 Note: Movement prohibited on all posted bridges. Posted bridge map located at http://www.GoMDOT.com.

- Any vehicle and/or load in violation of the permitting rules or regulations, or caught on prohibited sections of highway will be fined and/or a 6-month permit suspension.
- Such movement will be made using all necessary safety precautions and additional specified safety precautions shall be employed as follows:
 - 1. Transporters shall time movements to avoid the major urban areas of Jackson, Memphis/Southaven and the Gulf Coast (excluding I-10) from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 - 2. Movements will not be allowed on Sundays, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, or after 12:00 noon on days proceeding the listed holidays.
 - 3. Such movements shall not be made during times of heavy rain, snow, during other hazardous weather conditions, or any time when the ground speed of the wind exceeds 25 miles per hour.
- 711 Each Special Heavy Haul Blanket permit issued must be in the vehicle to which it refers at all times during the move.
- 712 Failure of any dealer or transporter to comply with the terms of the Special Heavy Haul Blanket permit may be cause for cancellation of all permits issued to the failing dealer and/or transporter. All other regulations and any additional restrictions or regulations as may be placed in the permit shall be observed.
- All those applying for or receiving the Special Heavy Haul Blanket permits shall file with the Mississippi Department of Transportation a certificate of insurance in the amount of \$25,000 property damage and applicants will also file a certificate of insurance confirming a motor vehicle liability policy in an amount of at least \$250,000 as security for any damage to the highways and would have to be good for at least one (1) year in order to receive the Special Heavy Haul Blanket.
- 714 This Permit has to be issued for one (1) year and is not prorated.
- 715 Exceptions may be made for federal and state agencies, counties and municipalities moving their own equipment with their own vehicles, or when, in the opinion of the Department of Transportation, a non-recurring single movement is not of a nature likely to cause damage to the highways.
- 716 It is noted that Section 63-5-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, places damage liability upon the permit holder.

Special Heavy Haul Blanket Permit Operational Policies and Procedures for Hauling Equipment Only

- The carrier/owner must renew the Special Heavy Haul Blanket each year per each pulling unit at \$4,500.00 and is nontransferable.
- The carrier/owner must be current with all applicable taxes and have valid vehicle registration.

- In order for the Special Heavy Haul Blanket to be valid, it must be present in the vehicle at all times and the load must meet all specification outlined in the permit or the load will be deemed not to have a permit and will be penalized accordingly.
- 803 Mississippi Department of Transportation Permit staff will review and approve the applications and upon approval will bill the carriers/owner accordingly. If staff notes any discrepancies, we will notify the carrier/owner.
- 804 Mississippi Department of Transportation may exclude certain portions of highways for the use of permit in the initial Special Heavy Haul Blanket or at any time during the life of the Special Heavy Haul Blanket with advance notification to the carrier.
- Any misstatement or misrepresentation on the part of the carrier/owner may result in the suspension or revocation of the Special Heavy haul Blanket.
- The Special Heavy Haul Blanket is for daylight (30 minutes after sun up until 30 minutes before sunset) movement only. No movement allowed on Sundays or the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas or after 12:00 noon on the day preceding the listed holidays.
- 807 A certificate of insurance must be on file with the MDOT Permit Office. If the insurance expires or cancels, the Special Heavy Haul Blanket cancels.
- 808 A fee of \$100.00 is required for widths up to 14' wide.

"Super Load" Rules and Regulations

- 900 The following rules and regulations shall govern the application for and the issuance of "Super Load" permits. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations will result in delays or disapproval of a permit application.
- 901 "Super Load" is any vehicle (towing vehicle and load) that exceeds one or more of the following limits:
 - 1. Overall Width: 20 feet
 - 2. Overall Length: 120 feet
 - 3. Overall Height: 17 feet
 - 4. Gross Weight: 190,000 pounds
- House moves are exempt from this category since the Department has a specific policy and procedures for the moving of such structures. House movers must contact the permit section of the Department for additional information.
- In order to request a "Super Load" permit, the applicant must submit in writing, to the permit section, the following information:
- 904 Cover letter: The following list of requirements applies to the applicant, and must be addressed in the cover letter. In the letter, detail is the key word. Please note that all the information listed below must be contained in your letter.

- 1. A request for permission to move on Mississippi's highway system.
- 2. The name and address of the applicant and shipper.
- 3. The origin and ultimate destination of the load.
- 4. The weight of the tractor, trailer, the load, and total of both.
- 5. Steps taken to lessen the load.
- 6. The dimensions of the tractor, trailer, and load.
- 7. The most direct route if bypassing low bridge structures, poor road conditions, detours, etc.
- 8. Steps taken to reduce interference with other traffic.
- 9. Written certification that adjacent state will allow entrance of load.
- Drawings of commodity: The drawings are to be of the tractor, trailer, and load and are as follows:
 - 1. The load, including the towing vehicle.
 - 2. The axle spacing, number of axles, weight on each axle, tire size, and number of tires.
 - 3. The width of the tractor, trailer, and the load.
 - 4. The height of the load. (In the event that the height of the load is 17 feet or more, a written statement from all utilities and railroad companies affected must be included with the application.)
 - 5. The length of the tractor, trailer, and the load. (If the length of the tractor, trailer, and the load combined is 120 feet are longer, a written statement from all rail road companies affected must be included with the application.)
- 906 A route survey will be required and your survey must include the following:
 - 1. Route (s) surveyed.
 - 2. Obstructions on the route (s) or shoulders that will affect the move.
 - i. Highway signs (roadside and overhead)
 - ii. Bridge rails.
 - iii. Overhead traffic signals.
 - iv. Overhead power lines.
 - v. Rail road crossing.
 - vi. Other.
 - 3. Pull-off spots, i.e., to allow traffic to pass.
 - 4. Parking lots.
 - 5. Truck stops.
 - 6. Other locations with the capacity to allow the tractor, trailer, and load too completely clear the road.
- Detailed list of all points where the load and/or vehicle will encroach into opposing traffic.
 - 1. Detailed traffic control explanation.
 - i. If traffic needs to be stopped, explain how you are going to conduct traffic control, such as:
 - ii. How will traffic be stopped?
 - iii. Where are you stopping traffic?

- iv. By what means is traffic going to be stopped, i.e. signs, flagmen, police escort, etc.?
- v. How will traffic be forewarned of impending stops, etc.?
- 2. If your vehicle will encroach into the opposing lane, please detail the following information:
 - i. How much of the lane will be encroached?
 - ii. How far are you traveling in this manner?
 - iii. How long will the encroachment last?
- The permit section will review the information submitted by the applicant and will request comments and/or recommendations from some or all of the following:
 - 1. Transportation Commission
 - 2. State Maintenance Engineer
 - 3. Bridge Division
 - 4. Traffic Engineering Division
 - 5. District Engineers
- Taking into consideration the information submitted by the applicant and the responses from the appropriate Department personnel, the permit section will advise the applicant of the status of their request. The status report will specifically address any additional information required by the applicant, if applicable, or why the request was denied. The applicant may submit a revised plan addressing specific items if the previous submittal was denied.

General Notes

1000 When considered necessary for the protection of the public or the highway, permits may specify speed limits, law enforcement escort (s) or other safety precautions such as:

- 1. Front and rear escort
- 2. Warning flags will be displayed on all corners at a height of six (6) feet above the pavement on moves in excess of ten (10) feet, not exceeding twelve (12) feet in width.
- 3. Two (2) five (5) inch flashing amber lights sufficient for five hundred (500) feet visibility will be mounted approximately six (6) feet above the pavement on the rear corners of loads in excess of twelve (12) feet in width.
- 4. Towing vehicles, escorts and trailers shall operate all legally required running lights, including headlights, if the load exceeds ten (10) feet in width.
- 5. Daylight movements only, no holiday movement.
- 6. Over width loads shall not be moved during times of rain, snow, sleet or during other hazardous weather conditions.
- 1001 It is noted that section 63-5-53, Mississippi code of 1972, places damage liability upon the permit holder.
- 1002 All those applying for or receiving permits shall file with the Department of Transportation Permit Division a certificate of insurance in the amount specified by the

- department as security for any damage to the highway system. Exceptions may be made for federal and state agencies, counties and municipalities moving their own equipment with their own vehicle.
- 1003 Traffic control devices (signs, signals, etc.) removed just prior to the load passing their location shall be re-erected immediately after the load passes the location of the traffic control device. Re-erecting a sign and sign post requires the applicant to drive the sign post (s) immediately adjacent to its previous location and attaching the sign (s).
- The applicant is responsible for additional permits, notifications or clearances as may be required by other jurisdictional agencies or regulations.
- 1005 Failure of an applicant to comply with the terms of the permit, these regulations or the Department's rules and regulations may be cause for cancellation of all permits issued and a suspension period for obtaining additional permits as determined by the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation. The mover may appeal penalties to the Executive Director and/or the Transportation Commission.

Sealed Container Rules

- 1100 Sealed containerized cargo units will be considered as non-divisible loads and overweight trip permits will be issued to operate vehicles hauling such units on the state highway system, subject to the following restrictions:
- 1101 Such containerized cargo units must be part of international trade and be moved on the highways due to importation from, or exportation to, another country.
- 1102 A copy of the international bill of lading signed by a custom's official; or an international bill of lading with an equipment interchange and inspection report must be submitted to the MDOT permit section before a permit will be issued.
- 1103 The operators of such units shall at all times have in their possession a copy of the documents as described in item "B" above.
- 1104 For conditions shown in item "F", outer bridge and inter bridge is defined as follows:
- 1105 All vehicles operating under a sealed containerized cargo permit shall have a minimum of five (5) full time load bearing axles and meet the following requirements for designated maximum gross vehicle weights as shown in Item "F".
- 1106 Maximum gross vehicle weight with maximum tandem axle weight of 42, 000 lbs.
- 1107 Sealed containerized loads are not permitted to cross "low" posted bridges shown in red on the Mississippi Department of Transportation LOW POSTED BRIDGES map. Posted bridges are subject to change and this map will be updated periodically to reflect changes. However, sealed containerized loads are not to cross any bridges that may be "low" posted prior to publication and issuance. This map is issued as part of this policy and will

- be supplied with the initial request for a sealed containerized permit, with additional maps furnished upon request and re-issued upon being updated.
- 1108 All vehicles permitted for movement of overweight sealed containerized units are authorized 24 hours continuous movements Monday through Sunday with normal travel conditions.
- The Department of Transportation reserves the right to require escorts with a height pole and/or additional escorts for safety measures as deemed advisable due to particular loads and/or routes.
- 1110 The Mississippi Department of Transportation Commission approved the attached policy pertaining to the movement of sealed containerized cargo units at their January 25, 1994 meeting. The Mississippi Department of Transportation will immediately comply with the conditions of the policy in the issuance of trip permits for such loads.
- 1111 There are several conditions that we wish to reiterate or bring to your attention.
- The Permit Section <u>WILL NOT</u> issue a trip permits until the appropriate documents have been received by the Permit Section.
- 1113 Permitted loads must travel <u>ONLY</u> the routes authorized by the Permit Section. The permit is void if the permitted vehicle travels on an unauthorized route.
- 1114 Item F of the policy indicates the maximum Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) for various outer bridge and inter-bridge combinations. The Department will strictly adhere to these weight/length limitations.
- 1115 The Mississippi Department of Transportation Permit Division will compute the permit fee for each one thousand (1,000) pounds, or fractional part thereof, of gross weight above the licensed capacity of the vehicle, up to the maximum GVW allowed by this policy. (Example: 94,500 lbs. GVW permit fee will be computed as 95,000 lbs., but the permitted load CAN NOT exceeds 95,000 lbs.
- Permitted loads shall use high weight routes (80,000 lbs.) and not cross a **Low Posted Bridge**.
- 1117 The Department of Transportation recommends that you thoroughly familiarize yourself with the policy in question and the routes that can be utilized.
- 1118 If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Tommy Thames or Girtha Richard of the MDOT Permit Division for clarification at 601-359-1589.

Rules and Regulations for Moving Earth Moving Equipment (Tractor with Dirt Pan in Tow)

1200 General rules applying to movement of all earth moving equipment

- 1. Must have a 72-hour permit, since it has no tag.
- 2. Must have a permit for oversize.
- 3. Must have Insurance on file with the MDOT Permit Division.
- 4. May move in convoy of no more than three (3) units with escorts front and rear of convoy.
- 5. The Escort will have flashing amber lights and radio contact with each unit.
- 6. "Wide load" signs must be placed on all units and escorts.
- 7. The MDOT Permit Division must route each load. (We will use four lanes as much as possible.)
- 8. Convoys will pull off the highway at sufficient intervals, where possible, to allow traffic to pass.
- 9. Daylight movement only.
- 10. Payment Methods
 - i. You can establish a charge account with the state of Mississippi.
 - ii. You can charge to credit card.
 - iii. You can order through one of the wire services.
- 1201 The Department of Transportation reserves the right to require escorts with a height pole and/or additional escorts for safety measures as deemed advisable due to particular loads and/or routes.
- 1202 To set up a charge account with the state of Mississippi please contact Charles Riddell at (601) 359-7400.
- 1203 If you have any questions concerning the rules and regulations please contact Tommy Thames at (601) 359-1589.

Rules and Definitions for Over-Dimensional Permits: DEFINITIONS

- 1300 **Permit -** Written permission to transport a vehicle or load exceeding the statutory size or weight limits.
- 1301 Single Trip Permit A permit authorizing the movement of specific vehicle or load for a period not to exceed three (3) consecutive days.
- 1302 **Continuous Movement Permit** A permit authorizing the continuous movement of vehicle or loads for a period not to exceed twelve (12) consecutive months.
- 1303 Red Flags A red flag eighteen (18) inches square.
- 1304 **Trailer** A vehicle without motive designed for carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that no part of its weight rest upon another vehicle.
- 1305 **Semi-Trailer** A vehicle without motive designed for carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that some part of its weight and/or rests upon or is carried by another vehicle.

- **57 Foot Box Van Trailer** A Vehicle without motive designed for carrying property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that some part of its weight rest upon or is carried by another vehicle.
- **Load** The item to be transported, including items placed on or in a vehicle, towed by a vehicle itself. A load will generally be a one piece item which cannot readily be dismembered
- 1308 Escort Vehicle A single motor vehicle equipped with a flashing or revolving amber light and two red flags mounted on the of the vehicle and an oversize load sign mounted on top of the vehicle and an oversize load sign mounted on the front for the lead escort and rear for following escort. Escort vehicle that alternates from lead to following shall have oversize signs front and rear.
- 1309 Oversize Load Sign A sign, eighty-four (84) inches by eighteen (18) inches, with wording "OVERSIZE LOAD" in black letters ten (10) inches high with one and five-eight (15%) inches brush stroke on yellow or orange background are required on all loads in excess of twelve (12) feet.
- **Motor Vehicle** A vehicle which is self-propelled except devices moved by human power or designed to operate upon rails or tracks.
- **Inclement Weather** Anytime when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons or vehicle upon the highway at a distance of five hundred (500) feet or when pavement conditions, winds or other weather conditions constitutes hazardous travel.
- **Daylight Hours** The period beginning one-half (½) hour after sunrise and ending one-half (½) hour before sunset.
- **Height** The total vertical dimensions of a vehicle above the ground surface including any load and load-holding device thereon.
- **Length** The total longitudinal dimension of a vehicle or combination or vehicle including any load or load holding device thereon.
- **Width** The total transverse dimension of a vehicle including any load or load-holding devices thereon.
- 1316 Gross Weight The total weight of vehicle or combination of vehicles including all loads thereon.
- 1317 All oversize or overweight permits shall be authorized or issued by the Executive Director, Chief Engineer, Director, Office of Enforcement or Permit Division of the Central Office. Upon such authorization, permits for which fees are due will be issued by the Department of Transportation Permit Division.

Permit Regulations

- All those applying for or receiving permits shall file with the department a Certificate of Insurance in the amount of \$25,000 property damage and \$ 250,000 liability as security for any damage to the highway. Exceptions may be made for federal and state agencies, counties and municipalities moving their own vehicle or when in the opinion of the Department a non-recurring single movement is not of a nature likely to cause damage to the highway. It is noted that SECTION 63-5-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, places damage liability upon the permit holder.
- Permits are generally intended for one piece items. However, it is recognized that there are manufactured products which, when placed side by side, do not appreciable surpass the statutory width; e.g., concrete pipe, shipping pallets, Denial of permits to these products would cause economic hardship and not significantly affect traffic. Accordingly, permits may be issued for movement of such products up to a maximum width of ten and one-half (10-1/2) feet.
- 1402 Escorts and/or flashing amber lights required when moving an over-dimensional load.
 - 1. Overhang fifteen (15) feet or greater will require a front and/or rear escort depending on the location of the overhang(s) and a permit.
 - 2. Vehicles not exceeding a total length of ninety-nine (99) feet, with a one piece load not butted end to end with another piece will only require the load to be flagged and daylight hours only provided the trailer length does not exceed 53 ft. or a permit will be required.
 - 3. Vehicles with a total length exceeding ninety-nine (99) feet must obtain an oversize permit, and will be required to have at least one escort. Escorts may be increased to front and rear according to routes and or loads.
 - 4. All trailers exceeding fifty three (53) feet in length will require an oversize permit. Such permits for over-length must be obtained through the Permit Office.
 - 5. All movement of loads in excess of then (10) feet, not exceeding twelve (12) feet in width, will require, as a minimum, the use of red flags mounted on all corners of the load.
 - 6. All movement of loads in excess of twelve (12) feet, not exceeding sixteen (16) feet in width, on two (2) lane roadways (one lane per direction of travel) will require, as a minimum, the use of a front escort and flashing amber lights mounted on the rear of the load. Vehicles with a total length exceeding ninety nine (99) feet must obtain an oversize permit, and will be required to have at least one escort. Escorts may be increased to front and rear according to routes and or loads.
 - 7. All movement of loads in excess of twelve (12) feet, not exceeding sixteen (16) feet in width, on divided highways (two or more through lanes per direction of travel) will require, as a minimum, the use of a rear escort and flashing amber lights mounted on the rear of the load. Vehicles with a total length exceeding ninety-nine (99) feet must obtain an oversize permit, and will be required to have at least one escort. Escorts may be increased to front and rear according to routes and or loads.
 - 8. When required, two (2) five (5) inch flashing amber lights sufficient for five hundred (500) feet visibility must be on the rear corners of the manufactured home mounted at approximately six (6) feet above the road surface. Control of the lighting system will

- be from inside the towing vehicle with a device to alert the driver in the event of a malfunction.
- 1403 The Department of Transportation reserves the right to require additional escorts or safety measures as deemed advisable due to particular loads and/or routes.
- 1404 Red flags will be displayed on all corners at a height of approximately six (6) feet above the pavement on moves in excess of ten (10) feet, not exceeding twelve (12) feet in width. All loads in excess of twelve (12) feet in width will display the red flags on the front corners of the load and flashing amber lights will be mounted on the rear corners.
- 1405 Movement of over length or over width loads shall be made only during daylight hours and shall be discontinued during periods of inclement weather.
- 1406 Towing vehicles, escorts and trailers shall operate all legally required running lights, including headlights, if the load exceeds ten (10) feet in width.
- 1407 Movement will not be allowed on Sunday, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas, or after 12:00 noon on days preceding the listed holidays. (Excluding 57 foot box van trailers which will allow seven day twenty four hour movement otherwise legal) and (Sealed containers which will allow seven day twenty four hour movement). Transports of loads in excess of twelve (12) feet shall time movements to avoid the major urban areas of Jackson, Memphis/Southaven and the Gulf Coast (excluding I-10) from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- When considered necessary for the protection of the public or the highway, permits may specify speed limits, police escorts or other safety precautions.
- 1409 Continuous movement blanket permits may be issued for:
 - 1. 57 foot box van trailers (See Appendix I)
 - 2. CMSI (loads cannot exceed 95.000lbs.) (See Appendix II)
- 1410 Blanket Permit Authority may be issued for size only with the following: (See Appendix III, Page 1)
- 1. Maximum width loads of fourteen (14) feet not to exceed ninety nine (99) feet in length or fourteen (14) feet eleven (11) inches rear overhangs.
- 1411 Blanket Permit Authority maybe issued to write your own permit for oversize, oversize/ overweight or overweight only with the following: (See Appendix III, Pages 1,2,3,6)
- Over size/over weight loads up to fourteen wide and weight that is determined by the number of axles and spacing upon being approved by the bridge division.
- 1413 2 piece load blanket for logging equipment maximum weight 100,000 lb with a maximum tandem weight or 44,000 lb and a maximum tri axle weight of 60,000 lb.
- 1414 Manufactured homes over fourteen(14) feet in width up to sixteen (16) feet in width, maximum length manufacture homes and modular homes are one hundred and twenty (120) feet, maximum height is fourteen (14) feet.

- 1415 Blanket Permit Authority maybe issued with pre-determined axle weights and spacing and being truck specific.
- 1416 Special Heavy Haul blanket for hauling equipment only. (See Appendix III, Pages 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12)
- 1417 Single trip permits are good for three days only and may be issued for:
 - 1. Sealed Containers qualifying for continuous movement permits. (See Appendix V, Pages 1, 2, 3, 4)
 - 2. Oversize loads as controlled by route availability and pavement width.
 - 3. Over height loads as controlled by route clearance.
 - 4. Overweight loads as controlled by pavement and bridge limits.
 - 5. Manufactured homes and modular homes one hundred and twenty (120) feet in length and maximum width is sixteen (16) feet.
 - 6. Multi-piece loads maximum ten and one-half (10 ½) feet wide butted end to end.
 - 7. Trailers that exceed fifty three (53) feet in length.
 - 8. Super loads for widths over 20', length over 120', heights over 17' and gross weights of 190,000 lbs. and over. (See Appendix IV, Pages 1, 2, 3)
 - 9. Earth Moving Equipment. (See Appendix VI)
- Write your own permit blanket authority for oversize/overweight. All permits are good for three (3) consecutive work days only, Monday thru Saturday no movement on Sunday, holidays listed in section 7 of these permit rules and all other restrictions apply.
- 1419 There are certain very large items; e.g., houses, products components that must be manufactured to specified sizes that require infrequent transport. Single trip permits may be issued for such moves with due consideration of the type of highway, vertical and horizontal clearance, traffic count, hindrance to traffic, availability of detours or pull offs and overall feasibility and necessity of the move. All house moves are issued by the Districts.
- 1420 Requests for permits not covered by these regulations shall be submitted in writing to the Mississippi Department of Transportation Permit Division.
- 1421 In the event of sudden disasters or emergencies threatening the health and welfare of the public, the Executive Director or designee is vested with full and complete authority to issue permits, trip or continuous, for the purpose of providing necessary relief from such occurrences.

Blanket Permit Application for Oversize, Oversize/Overweight, CMSI, Over Weight Only, 57' Box Van Trailer, 2-Piece Load, 16' Wide Mobile Home

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Post Office Box 1850, Jackson, Mississippi 39215-1850

Oversize/Overweight Blanket Permit Operational Policies and Procedures

The carrier must renew the blanket each year.

The carrier must pay all fees required by law.

The carrier will be issued a series of pre numbered permit forms. The carrier will complete the permit form prior to any move, fax the form to the Mississippi Department of Transportation Permit Office, and issue a copy of the permit to the driver of the vehicle. A copy of the permit and the blanket must be in the vehicle at all times. If the permit is not faxed to the Permit Office and if the permit and the blanket are not produced by the driver upon request the move will be deemed not to have a permit and will be penalized accordingly. Additionally if the load does not conform to the specifications contained in the blanket authorization, the load will be deemed not to have a permit and will be penalized accordingly.

Mississippi Department of Transportation Permit staff will review submitted permits and will bill the carriers account. If staff notes any discrepancies the carrier will be notified prior to billing.

Mississippi Department of Transportation may exclude certain portions of highways for the use of permit in the initial blanket or at any time during the life of the blanket with advance notification to the carrier.

Any misstatement or misrepresentation on the part of the carrier on any part of the permit may result in the suspension or revocation of the Oversize/Overweight blanket.

The carrier must observe all restrictions on the Oversize/Overweight blanket or will be deemed not to have a permit and penalized accordingly.

The Oversize/Overweight blanket is for daylight movement only. No movement allowed on Sundays.

Movement is allowed except on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas or after 12:00 noon on the day proceeding the listed holidays.

A certificate of insurance must be on file with the MDOT Permit Office. If the insurance expires or is canceled the blanket and the permits will be suspended.

This is to certify that I have received and agree to follow the operational policies and procedures of the oversize/overweight blanket.

Company Name		
Title	_	
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Signature		
Date:		_

Maximum Axle Weights and Minimum Spacing For Hauling Heavy Equipment Only

Steering	Spacing	Tandem	Spacing	Tandem	(80,000 lbs	to 95,000 lbs)
14,000 lbs	12'	40,500 lbs	28'	40,500 lbs		
Six Axles						
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14,000 lbs	12'	42,000 lbs	28'	64,000 lbs		
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14,000 lbs	12'	54,000 lbs	28'	72,000 lbs		
Steering		Tri-axle		Tri-axle		
14,000 lbs	12'	63,000 lbs	28'	63,000 lbs		
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Special Heavy Haul Blanket Permit Operational Policies and Procedures for Hauling Equipment Only

- A. The carrier/owner must renew the Special Heavy Haul Blanket each year per each pulling unit at \$4,500.00 and is nontransferable.
- B. The carrier/owner must be current with all applicable taxes and have valid vehicle registration.
- C. In order for the Special Heavy Haul Blanket to be valid, it must be present in the vehicle at all times and the load must meet all specification outlined in the permit or the load will be deemed not to have a permit and will be penalized accordingly.
- **D.** Mississippi Department of Transportation Permit staff will review and approve the applications and upon approval will bill the carriers/owner accordingly. If staff notes any discrepancies, we will notify the carrier/owner.
- E. Mississippi Department of Transportation may exclude certain portions of highways for the use of permit in the initial Special Heavy Haul Blanket or at any time during the life of the Special Heavy Haul Blanket with advance notification to the carrier.
- F. Any misstatement or misrepresentation on the part of the carrier/owner may result in the suspension or revocation of the Special Heavy haul Blanket.
- G. The Special Heavy Haul Blanket is for daylight (30 minutes after sun up until 30 minutes before sunset) movement only. No movement allowed on Sundays or the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas or after 12:00 noon on the day preceding the listed holidays.
- **H.** A certificate of insurance must be on file with the MDOT Permit Office. If the insurance expires or cancels, the Special Heavy Haul Blanket cancels.

Signature	Date:
Company Name	Title
This is to certify that I have received the Special Heavy Haul Blanker	red and agree to follow the operational policies and procedures
Please check one of the following:	Yes, add width or No, do not add width
A fee of \$100.00 is required for w	idths up to 14' wide.

Special Heavy Haul Blanket Permit Application

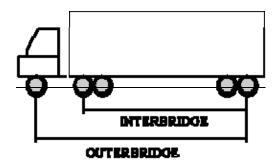
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Signature:	Date:	

-Maximum Axle Weights and Minimum Spacing

Steering	Spacing	Tandem	Spacing	Tandem	(80,000 lbs	to 95,000 lbs)
14,000 lbs	12'	40,500 lbs	28'	-40,500 lbs		
Six Axles						
Steering		Tandem		Tri-axle	(80,000 lbs to	120,000 lbs)
14,000 lbs	12'	42,000 lbs	28'	64,000 lbs		
Seven Axles	5					
Steering		Tandem		Quad	(80,000 lbs to	140,000 lbs)
14,000 lbs	12'	54,000 lbs	28'	72,000 lbs		
Steering		Tri-axle		Tri-axle		
14,000 lbs	12'	63,000 lbs	28'	63,000 lbs		
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Sealed Container Rules

For conditions shown in item "F", outer bridge and inter bridge is defined as follows:

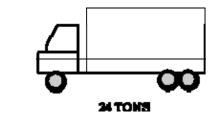


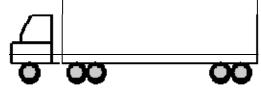
Maximum gross vehicle weight with maximum tandem axle weight of 42, 000 lbs.

Length: —	Outer bridge	— Inter bridge	Gross Vehicle Weight	
	Min. (ft.)	Min. (ft).	Max (lbs.)	
	51	39	95,000	
	49	37	94,500	
	47	35	92,000	
	45	33	90,000	
	43	31	85,500	
	41	29	79,500	
	39	27	74,400	
	37	25	70,800	
	35	23	68,200	
	33	21	65,700	
	31	19	63,000	
	29	17	59,900	
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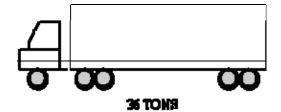
Above loads may cross bridges posted at or above one or combinations of the following postings.

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Sealed Container Application

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Sub-Part 6601 – Office of Enforcement

Chapter 03001 Over-Dimensional Vehicle Permits

Definitions

- Daylight Hours For loads 12 feet in width or less is defined as sunrise to sunset reported by National Weather Service For loads greater than 12 feet in width "Daylight Hours" will be defined as 30 minutes after sunrise to 30 minutes before sunset reported by the National Weather Service.
- 201 Escort Vehicle A single motor vehicle equipped with a flashing or revolving amber light, two warning flags mounted on the vehicle, an oversize load sign mounted on top of the vehicle, and an oversize load sign mounted on the front for the lead escort and rear for following escort. An escort vehicle that alternates from lead to following shall have oversize load signs front and rear. Two-way communication is required between escort/escorts and towing vehicle.
- Gross Weight The total weight of vehicle or combination of vehicles including all loads.
- Height The maximum vertical dimension of a vehicle above the ground surface, including any load and load-holding device.
- Inclement Weather Anytime when there is not sufficient light to render clearly discernible persons or vehicles upon the highway at a distance of five hundred (500) feet, or when pavement conditions, winds or other weather conditions constitute hazardous travel.
- Length The maximum longitudinal dimension of a vehicle or combination of vehicles, including any load or load-holding device.
- Load The item to be transported, including items placed on or in a vehicle, and towed by a vehicle. A load will generally be a one-piece item which cannot readily be disassembled.
- 207 MDOT- The Mississippi Department of Transportation and is referred to as "Department."
- 208 MDOT Permit Section- the term "Department" also applies to the Permit Section.
- 210 Motor Vehicle A vehicle which is self-propelled, except such devices moved by human power or designed to operate upon rails or tracks.
- Oversize Load Sign A sign, measuring eighty-four (84) inches by eighteen (18) inches, with the words "OVERSIZE LOAD" in black letters ten (10) inches high

- with a one-and-five-eights (15/8) inches brush-stroke on yellow or orange background.
- Permit Written permission to transport a vehicle or load exceeding the statutory size or weight limits.
- Semi-Trailer A vehicle without motive power, which is designed to carry persons or property and to be drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that some part of its weight and/or rests upon, or is carried by another vehicle.
- Single Trip Permit A permit authorizing the movement of specific vehicle and or specific load for a period not to exceed three (3) consecutive days.
- Trailer A vehicle without motive power, which is designed to carry persons or property and to be drawn by a motor vehicle, and so constructed that no part of its weight rest upon another vehicle.
- Warning Flag- A red flag measuring eighteen (18) inches square.
- Width The maximum transverse dimension of a vehicle, including any load or load-holding devices thereon.

GENERAL PERMIT REGULATIONS

- A written application for overweight overweight/oversize permit will be submitted to the Department. Application forms may be obtained from the Department or the Department's internet web site or calling 1-888-737-0061.
- Applicants shall provide a valid Federal DOT number or a Certificate of Insurance with the Department listed as the certificate holder with no less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) single limit liability on file with the Department. Exceptions may be made when in the opinion of Department a movement is not of a nature likely to cause damage to the highway or one time personal movements. Applicable vehicle liability insurance is required.
- Movement prohibited on all posted bridges. Posted bridge map located at http://www.GoMDOT.com.
- Section § 63-5-53, et. seq. of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated as amended, places damage liability upon the permit holder.
- Application for Continuous Movement/Self Issued Blanket Authorization (CMSI), Timber Industry Two-Piece Load Blanket Permit or Oversize/Overweight Write Your Own Blanket Permit must submit a written application and establish a Department charge account. For more information contact Financial Management Division (601)359-7055.

- Company/applicant with delinquent assessment should not apply for permits until delinquency is satisfied.
- The applications will be reviewed by the Department.
- Denied applications will be returned to applicants with reasons for denial.
- A copy of the applicable blanket authorization and/or permit must be carried in the vehicle at all times.
- Any misstatement, misrepresentation, or failure of an applicant to comply with the terms of the permit, or the Department's rules and regulations, may result in revocation of all permits privileges for a period of time determined by the Director of the Office of Enforcement. The mover/permit holder may appeal suspension/revocation to the Executive Director
- Permits are generally intended for one-piece items. However, it is recognized that there are manufactured products which, when placed side by side, do not appreciably surpass the statutory width; e.g., concrete pipe, rolled hay, shipping pallets. Accordingly, permits may be issued for movement of such products up to a maximum width of ten and one-half (10½) feet.
- Rear overhang of fifteen (15) feet or greater will require a permit and a front and/or rear escort. Forest products may have a 28 foot overhang but only daylight movement is allowed.
- Front projection exceeding 3 feet will require a permit, 15 feet or greater requires front and/or rear escort
- Vehicles with a total length exceeding ninety-nine (99) feet must obtain an oversize permit.
- Trailers exceeding fifty-three (53) feet in length will require an oversize permit.
- Night movements may be permitted for loads not exceeding twelve (12) feet in width, or 150,000 pounds or 99 feet long or height exceeding 13 feet 6 inches (the maximum height is dependent on the route).
 - 1. When moving at night operating on <u>two (2) lane roadways</u> (one lane per direction of travel) loads 10 feet wide or greater will require, at minimum, the use of a front escort and flashing amber lights mounted on the rear of the load.
 - 2. When moving at night operating on <u>divided highways</u> (two or more through lanes per direction of travel) loads 10 feet wide or greater will require, at a minimum, the use of a rear escort and flashing amber lights mounted on the rear of the load.
 - 3. Loads less than ten (10) feet will not require escorts.

- Movement of loads in excess of 8 feet 6 inches (102 inches) will require a permit. Exceptions are allowed in Section § 63-5-13 et. seq. of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated as amended.
- Over width loads shall not be moved during inclement weather.
- Oversize Load Signs are required on all loads in excess of twelve feet in width.
- 319 Escort requirement:
 - 1. When moving during "Daylight Hours" operating on <u>two (2) lane roadways</u> (one lane per direction of travel) loads 13 feet wide or greater will require, at minimum, the use of a front escort and flashing amber lights mounted on the rear of the load.
 - 2. When moving during "Daylight Hours" operating on <u>divided highways</u> (two or more through lanes per direction of travel) loads 13 feet wide or greater will require, at a minimum, the use of a rear escort and flashing amber lights mounted on the rear of the load.

GENERAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- When considered necessary for the protection of the public or the highway, permits may require reduced speed limits, law enforcement escort (s) or other safety precautions such as:
 - 1. Front and rear escort.
 - 2. Escorts with a height pole.
 - 3. Daylight movement only.
 - 4. Certain portions of the roadway or routes may be excluded for travel.
- Traffic control devices (signs, signals, etc.) that are removed just prior to the load passing their location shall be re-erected immediately after the load passes the location. Re-erecting a sign and sign post requires the applicant to drive the sign post (s) immediately adjacent to its previous location and attaching the sign(s).
- The applicant is responsible for any additional permits, notifications or clearances as may be required by other jurisdictional agencies or regulations.

- 403 Movement will not be allowed on Sunday, after 12:00 noon on days preceding or on the following holidays; New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas, unless permitted.
- Warning flags will be displayed on all corners at a height of six (6) feet above the pavement on moves in excess of ten (10) feet, not exceeding twelve (12) feet in width.
- Two (2) five (5) inch flashing amber lights sufficient for five hundred (500) feet visibility will be mounted approximately six (6) feet above the pavement on the rear corners of loads and an <u>oversize load</u> sign on the front and rear of loads exceeding twelve (12) feet in width.
- Transporters of loads in excess of twelve (12) feet shall time movements to avoid the major urban areas of Jackson, Memphis/Southaven and the Gulf Coast (excluding I-10) from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays.

Oversize Manufactured Housing Blanket Authority

- May be issued for non-divisible manufactured housing over 14 ft. in width not exceeding 16 ft. in width, not exceeding 14 ft. in height, overall length of towing vehicle and manufactured housing must not exceed 120 feet, and legal weight.
- There is no charge for the blanket authority.
- Pre-numbered permit books must be purchased from the Department. Each book contains 50 permits and cost \$500.00. (\$10.00 per permit)
- The permittee will complete a permit form for each trip; the original will be placed in the vehicle. Completed books must be returned to the Department

Sealed Container Permits

- Sealed containerized cargo units are considered as non-divisible loads and overweight permits will be issued subject to the following restrictions:
 - 1. Containerized cargo units are transporting commodities for export or import moving to or from a port.
 - 2. A copy of the international bill of lading signed by a customs official or an international bill of lading with an equipment interchange and inspection report must be submitted to the Department before a permit is issued.
 - 3. Maximum gross vehicle weight 95,000 lbs, with maximum tandem axle weight of 42,000 lbs. (Attachment 1)

4. All vehicles permitted for movement of overweight sealed containerized units are authorized 24/7 continuous movement.

Continuous Movement/Self Issued Blanket Authorization (CMSI)

- The CMSI blanket authorizes companies transporting sealed containerized cargo or equipment to move seven (7) days a week, twenty-four (24) hours a day, with gross weight not to exceed 95,000 pounds. All other dimensions must be legal.
- The fee for the CMSI Blanket Permit is \$500.00 per year per company.
- The CMSI blanket authorization must be renewed each year.
- Authorizes companies to issue their own permits without contacting the Department.
- Since there is no control of routing after the blanket is issued, care must be taken during the application process to insure that the Department has a complete understanding of the nature of these loads.
- Once the application is approved, a Continuous Movement/Self Issued (CMSI) blanket authorization agreement between the company and the Department will be issued to the company.
- The Department will review submitted permits and bill the company. If any discrepancies are noted by the staff the company will be notified prior to billing.
- The company will be issued a series of pre-numbered permit forms.
- The company will complete the permit form prior to any move, fax the form to the Permit Office, and issue a copy of the permit to the driver of the vehicle.
- If the permit is not faxed to the Department, or if it is not displayed by the driver upon request, the move will be deemed not to have a permit and will be penalized accordingly.

Tractor With Dirt Pan In-Tow

- Must have a 72-hour road use permit.
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- 802 Must have an oversize permit.
- May move in convoy of no more than three (3) units with escorts front and rear.
- The Escort will have flashing amber lights and radio contact with each unit.
- "Wide Load" signs must be placed on all units and escorts

- Routes will use four lane roadways where possible.
- 807 Convoys will pull off the highway at sufficient intervals, to allow traffic to pass.
- 808 Daylight movements only.

Super Load

- "Super Load" is any vehicle that exceeds any of the following limits:
 - 1. Overall Width 20 feet,
 - 2. Overall Length 120 feet,
 - 3. Overall Height 17 feet,
 - 4. Gross Weight of 190,000 pounds or greater.
- The following list of requirements must be addressed in the application:
 - 1. A request for permission to move on Mississippi's highway system
 - 2. The name and address of the applicant and shipper
 - 3. The origin and destination of the load
 - 4. Gross weight of vehicle and load.
 - 5. The dimensions of the tractor, trailer, and load
 - 6. Written acknowledgement and permission from utility and railroad companies are required for a load exceeding 17 feet in height.
 - 7. Written acknowledgement and permission from affected railroad companies are required for vehicle and load length exceeding 120 feet.
 - 8. Steps taken to lessen the load
 - 9. The most direct route.
 - 10. Steps to reduce interference with other traffic
 - 11. If entering an adjacent state a written certification from that state allowing entrance.
- 902 Diagrams of tractor, trailer and load:
 - 1. Number, spacing and individual axle weights.

- 2. Number and size of tires.
- 3. Width and height of load.
- A route survey must include the following:
 - 1. Route (s) surveyed
 - 2. List of obstructions such as, highway signs (roadside and overhead), bridge rails, overhead traffic signals, and overhead power lines, railroad crossings on the route or shoulders affecting the move.
 - 3. Pull-off areas to allow traffic to pass such as, parking lots, truck stops, other locations with the capacity to allow the tractor, trailer, and load too completely clear the road.
- 904 Detailed traffic control plan will consist of the following:
 - 1. List of all points where the load and/or vehicle will encroach into opposing traffic.
 - i. How much of the lane will be encroached.
 - ii. Distance traveled in opposing traffic lanes.
 - iii. Duration of encroachment.
 - 2. If stopping traffic is required provide the following:
 - i. Where and how
 - ii. Type or method of advanced notification
 - iii. After review MDOT Permit Section may require additional information before final approval.

Oversize Width Blanket Permit

- 1000 Authorizes the movement of loads not exceeding 14 feet.
- 1001 The fee for the blanket permit is \$100.00 per year, per company.

Continuous Movement Over Length Trailer Blanket Permit

- 1100 Maximum length truck and trailer combination not to exceed 99 feet.
- 1101 Written application must be submitted, including a list of highways to be traveled
- The fee for the blanket permit is \$100.00 per year, per company
- 1103 The company will be issued a blanket permit with designated routes.

Timber Industry Two-Piece Load Blanket Permit

- Authorizes the movement of two pieces of equipment used in the timber industry as a one piece load.
- 1201 The fee is \$200 per year.
- 1202 The company will be issued a series of pre-numbered permit forms.
- The company will complete the permit form prior to any move, fax the form to the Permit Office, and issue a copy of the permit to the driver of the vehicle.
- 1204 The Department's permit staff will review submitted permits and bill the company. If any discrepancies are noted by the Department the company will be notified prior to billing.
- 1205 If the permit is not faxed to the Permit office, or if it is not displayed by the driver upon request, the move will be deemed not to have a permit and will be penalized accordingly.
- No tandem axle may exceed 44,000 pounds, and no tri-axle may exceed 60,000 pounds.
- 1207 If the gross vehicle weight exceeds 100,000 pounds, the company will be deemed not to have a permit and will be penalized accordingly.
- 1208 Two-Piece Load Blanket Permit is valid on state routes only.

Special Heavy Equipment Blanket Permit

- All vehicles permitted for movement under the Special Heavy Equipment Blanket Permit will be allowed 7 days a week, 24 hour movement for loads not exceeding 150,000 pounds, 12 feet wide, 13 feet 6 inches high or 99 feet long.
- Daylight moves only for loads over 12 feet wide not to exceed 14 feet wide. (Monday through Saturday with normal travel restrictions)
- When moving at night operating on <u>two (2) lane roadways</u> (one lane per direction of travel) loads 10 feet wide or greater will require, at minimum, the use of a front escort and flashing amber lights mounted on the rear of the load.
- When moving at night operating on <u>divided highways</u> (two or more through lanes per direction of travel) loads 10 feet wide or greater will require, at a minimum, the use of a rear escort and flashing amber lights mounted on the rear of the load.
- 1304 Loads less than ten (10) feet will not require escorts.
- 1305 Special Heavy Equipment Blanket Permit is Four Thousand Five-Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00) for excess weight and is non refundable. The permit shall

- expire one (1) year from the issue date or on the expiration date of the insurance policy. An over width blanket permit not exceeding 14 feet is available for One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) annually.
- 1306 The permit will be vehicle specific
- Request for authorization to transfer this permit to another vehicle shall be submitted in writing to Department section justifying the request.
- 1308 Denial of the request may be appealed to MDOT Office of Enforcement Director.

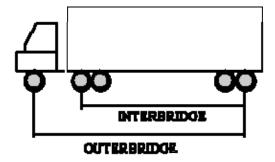
Oversize/Overweight Write Your Own Blanket Permit

- All "Write Your Own" permits are good for three (3) consecutive work days and daylight movement only, Monday thru Saturday no movement on Sunday.
- 1401 Motor cranes and/or off-road self powered equipment must submit a certified scale receipt indicating the dimension of each axle's spacing, each axle's weight, and the date.
- 1402 Oversize/Overweight, motor cranes and off-road self-powered equipment Blankets are \$200.00. A series of pre-numbered permit books will be issued. Prior to each move the permittee will complete the information on the permit form and fax it to the Vehicle Permit Office.

Attachment 1

Sealed Container Measurement Calculations

The maximum gross vehicle weight is determined by these measurements. Vehicles cannot exceed 42,000 lbs on a tandem axle.



Maximum gross vehicle weight with maximum tandem axle weight of 42, 000 lbs.

Length:	Outer bridge	Inter bridge	Gross Vehicle Weight	
	Min. (ft.)	Min. (ft).	Max (lbs.)	
	51	39	95,000	
	49	37	94,500	
	47	35	92,000	
	45	33	90,000	
	43	31	85,500	
	41	29	79,500	
	39	27	74,400	
	37	25	70,800	
	35	23	68,200	
	33	21	65,700	
	31	19	63,000	
	29	17	59,900	
	27	15	57,900	
	25	13	56,600	