

# **PURPOSE**

To establish guidelines when permits will be issued for legal size divisible load vehicles exceeding the federal gross vehicle weight cap of 80,000 pounds for movement on the interstate highway system.

#### POLICY STATEMENT

As authorized by section 39-12-02 NDCC and Article 38-06 NDAC, the North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) will issue permits, when good cause is shown, for the movement of divisible load vehicles on I-29 and I-94.

The following procedures outline the requirements and methods for issuing permits for legal size divisible load vehicles.

# **PROCEDURE**

# A. Permit Requirements

- 1. Permits must be in possession prior to starting any movement. Permits may contain restrictions as deemed necessary by the NDHP or North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT).
- 2. Single trip and annual interstate permits are available for legal size divisible load vehicles exceeding 80,000 pounds when traveling on the interstate system.
- 3. Gross vehicle weight may not exceed 105,500 pounds.
- 4. Vehicles must have sufficient number of axles and bridge lengths for gross weights desired as shown on the Weight Limitations Chart (Policy 9-1 Annex C).
- 5. Tire and axle weights must be legal.
- 6. Vehicles must be legally registered for the gross weight of the vehicle and load.
- 7. A single trip permit will be valid for multiple movements made in one 24-hour period or a one-way trip not to exceed five days.
- 8. A 30-day permit is valid for thirty days.
- 9. An annual permit is valid for a twelve-month period from the date of issuance.
- 10. Vehicles already operating on a \$20 overdimensional or overweight permit will not be required to have an interstate permit when traveling on the interstate.
- 11. The NDHP has the authority to revoke permits when the holder violates or abuses the privilege or conditions of the permits.

# B. Application Procedure

- 1. Permits can be purchased online at <a href="www.nd.gov/ndhp">www.nd.gov/ndhp</a>, click on E-permits.
- 2. Information required to obtain a permit:
  - Company name, address, city, state, zip code, and e-mail address (optional).
  - b. Description of power unit: year, make, ND registered gross vehicle weight, license number and state, and serial number (minimum of last eight digits).
  - c. Additional information required on single trip:
    - 1) Description of load.
    - 2) Total number of axles, number of tires per axle, tire width (reading from tire sidewall), bridge lengths, and track width measurements.
    - 3) Start date of travel, point of origin and destination on the interstate system.
- 3. Permits can also be obtained from the NDHP permit office, motor carrier inspectors, or troopers.
  - Applications to the permit office may be made in person, by telephone, by mail, by e-mail, or through a permit service company.
  - b. Applications may also be made with a trooper or motor carrier inspector, in person or by telephone.
- 4. The permit is issued on an Official Receipt/Permit, SFN 3507.
  - a. A window decal will be issued with each annual permit.
  - The decal may be displayed in the lower left corner of the windshield or carried in the vehicle.
- 5. Each permit shall be company and vehicle specific, and they are not transferrable.
- 6. A legible electronic or paper copy of the permit must be in possession prior to entering North Dakota

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or starting movement.

a. The applicant/driver is responsible for complying with the travel restrictions and safety requirements listed on the permit.

# C. Fees

- 1. \$10 for each single trip permit.
- 2. \$10 service and routing fee for each single trip permit.
- 3. \$300 for each annual interstate permit.
- 4. \$5 faxing fee.
- 5. A commercial hauler engaged in charity hauling and official, publicly-owned, emergency, and military vehicles are not required to pay charges for this permit.

# D. Decal Sample

Page 2 of 2 Display in lower left corner of windshield. North Dakota Highway Patrol PERMIT # 2014005907 Official Permit Decal Date/Time Issued 1-8-2014 Interstate - Annual **DOT No.** 179525 Owner Name Concrete Inc VIN 1XKADB9X3SS655026 Grand Forks, ND City, State Make KW Year 1995 License No. 4433 State ND **Permit Begin Date** 1/8/2014 3:05:00PM **Permit End Date** 2/31/2014 Cut along the dotted line and display in the lower left corner of windshield.