



Washington State
Department of Transportation

Memorandum

Date: May 24, 2005

TO: Permit Customers

FROM: Jim Wright
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SUBJECT: 61-Foot Trailer Permits

The Department will authorize the exemptions to certain restrictions for loads not exceeding 61 feet in length regardless of the type of over length permit issued to the carrier. We recognize the exemptions in WAC 468-38-075 pertain to the length of the load or trailer whichever is longer. This type of load configuration with over dimension in length only may travel with the 61-foot non-divisible permit, with a monthly non-divisible permit. The monthly permit will have a notation: “Certain over length requirements are exempted per WAC 468-38-075.”

When a load or trailer length is no longer than 61 feet it is exempt from restrictions listed in WAC 468-38-075 and can travel as any combination vehicle, except that it requires a permit. The restrictions that are exempted:

- Displaying of oversize signs
- Commuter hour and holiday restrictions
- Nighttime movement restrictions
- Prohibited travel over the passes when traction tires are required

For clarification, we can use the example of a carrier that displays a monthly Non-Divisible permit with an “envelope” of 14 ft. wide, 15ft. high and 125 ft. load length. This permit can be used for any load that fits within those parameters. On a particular trip the load is 61 ft. in length and the rest of the dimensions are legal. The movement of that particular load would be exempt of the above-mentioned restrictions because it is not over the 61-foot limit stated in WAC 468-38-075. This would include legal overhangs as well. If the load is 61 feet but the overhang is measured over 15 feet, the exemptions do not apply. The carrier may also choose to haul this load with a 61 ft. non-divisible load if they choose.

The Department will honor the 61 ft. load length to a movement as long as there are no other dimensions that are over-legal as long as they display a permit to cover the over length feature.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 360-704-6345.

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