

Transportation and Public Works

Vehicle Weights and Dimensions Rules

Amendments Effective December 18, 2006

The Department of Transportation and Public Works advises amendments have been made to the *Weights and Dimensions of Vehicles Regulations*, and the changes came into effect on December 18, 2006.

Weight Tolerance

The removal of automatically applied weight tolerance, re-scheduled for January 1, 2007, has been further delayed until January 1, 2008. The 500 kg per axle weight tolerance will continue to be provided until December 31, 2007.

Other scheduled changes to the *Regulations*, directly associated with the removal of automatically applied weight tolerance, are also delayed until January 1, 2008.

Heavy Front End Tractors

The grandfathering of heavy front end tractors, model year 2002 and earlier, to allow for an increase in registered gross vehicle weight is continued until December 31, 2007.

Tridem Equivalent Axle Group

A tridem equivalent axle group is now able to have up to two liftable axles, and they can be located anywhere within the axle group, provided the appropriate weight and dimension limits are met.

Maximum Tridem/Triaxle Group Weights

The maximum tridem/triaxle group weights for tractor semi-trailer combinations for secondary highways are being specified in the *Regulations*, in addition to the maximum gross vehicle weights.

Penalty for Operating Double Trailer Combinations

There is now a specific penalty of \$250 for operating a double trailer configuration on a highway where it is not allowed.

Truck Prohibition

The penalty of \$250 for trucks bypassing the Cobequid Pass Toll Highway has been transferred to these *Regulations*.

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For more information on vehicle weights and dimensions rules, visit the Department of Transportation and Public Works website: www.gov.ns.ca/tran/trucking/vehicleghtsdims.asp or contact Don Stonehouse, Program Manager, Weights and Dimensions Policy, 902-424-2490, e-mail: stonehdo@gov.ns.ca