

Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal

Weight Tolerance Transition Plan: Third Year

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal announces the next step in its three year transition plan for the removal of weight tolerance.

Effective January 1, 2010, enforcement officers will continue to be provided with automatic officer discretion of 500 kg per axle, but the maximum discretion will be limited to 1,000 kg.

Heavy front end tractors, model year 2002 and earlier, will no longer be recognized for additional gross vehicle weight, but will still be recognized for the extra weight capacity of the steering axle.

For vehicles and roads that had their weight increased in the Regulations on January 1, 2008, there will be automatic officer discretion of 500 kg on an axle, but there will be no automatic officer discretion for gross vehicle weight.

There will continue to be no gross vehicle weight transition on A, B, and C train doubles, 6-axle tractor semi-trailers on B-train Routes, a number of truck and trailer combinations with 6, 7 or 8 axles who previously had their weight reduced from national standards because of regulated tolerance, but had the weight restored to proper levels on January 1, 2008.

Tractors hauling double trailer combinations will need to be re-registered for the increased maximum gross vehicle weights.

At all times there will be no officer discretion above manufacturer's maximum weight ratings for axles, tires, and all other vehicle components, and for the vehicle itself.

Full details and examples of the transition plan can be found at: www.gov.ns.ca/tran/trucking/transitionplan.pdf

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