



Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement

Commercial Transport Department

NOTICE

To All Permit Issuers, Industry and the General Public

Reminder That Axles Within the Drive Axle Group Must Be Connected to the Power Source of a Motor Vehicle

To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to remind industry that trucks and truck tractors must have drive axles that meet the current definition found in Division 1 – Interpretation of the *Commercial Transport Regulations* (CTR). Division 1 of the CTR states that a drive axle “means an axle that is or may be connected to the power source of a motor vehicle and transmits tractive power to the wheels.” Definitions of “tandem drive axle” and “tridem drive axle” further reinforce this point.

Other types of drive axles, such as “tag”, “push”, “6x2”, etc., do not meet that definition and are therefore not authorized for use on provincial infrastructure. Permits to operate trucks or truck tractors without compliant drive axles are not available.

Operators with this type of non-compliant drive axle may disable the axle(s) without power by either chaining the axle(s) in an upright position or removing the tires and operate as a truck or truck tractor with the reduced drive axle group. The truck or truck tractor would then be eligible to operate based on the number of CTR compliant drive axles. No other exceptions to the CTR are expressed or implied.

Please direct any questions or concerns about the requirements for drive axles on trucks or truck tractors to commercial.transport@gov.bc.ca.

Yours truly,

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