

COMPLIANCE CIRCULAR

NO. 09/09

November 17, 2009

SUBJECT: Postponement of Axle Weight Reduction for Tridem Hayrack Semi-trailers, Tridem Pole Trailers, and Triaxle Trailers Hauling Green Felled or Bucked Logs or Poles

Managers, Victoria
Motor Vehicle Inspectors
Passenger Transportation Board
Deputy Director, CVSE
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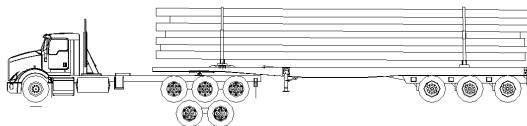
Driver Services Centres
MOT (Director, Chair
Transportation Policy)
Supt of Motor Vehicles

PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR

To notify owners and operators of logging truck configurations consisting of either a 6- or 7-axle single steer tandem or tridem drive truck tractor with tridem hayrack semi-trailer, tridem pole trailer, or triaxle pole trailer hauling green felled or bucked logs or poles (long logs), that the application of the December 31, 2009 scheduled axle weight changes will be postponed until December 31, 2010 in the following categories:

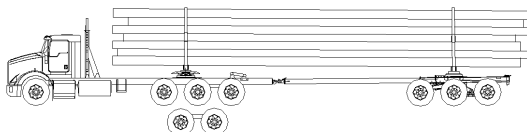
1. As authorized under Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement (CVSE) Compliance Circular No. 02/08 dated August 6, 2008.

- 1 000 kg: approving an increase from a maximum limit of 24 000 kg to 25 000 kg for the tridem hayrack semi-trailer will be extended to **December 31, 2010**;

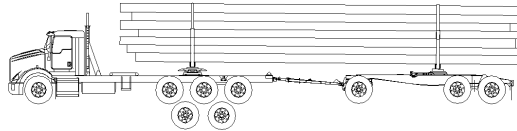


2. As set out under the Commercial Transport Regulations, Division 7 (Size and Weight)

- 1 000 kg: a decrease from a maximum limit of 25 000 kg to 24 000 kg for the tridem pole trailer as shown in the notes area of the Appendix H in the Commercial Transport Regulations will be postponed to **December 31, 2010**;



- 2 100 kg: a decrease from a maximum limit of 26 100 kg to 24 000 kg for the triaxle pole trailer as shown in the notes area of Appendix I in the Commercial Transport Regulations will be postponed to **December 31, 2010**.



BACKGROUND

In the summer of 2008, the Central Interior Logging Association (CILA) petitioned CVSE regarding a request from the log haul industry for a tridem hayrack semi-trailer axle weight increase of 1 000 kg (from the current maximum limit of 24 000 kg to 25 000 kg) specifically for factory-built tridem hayrack semi-trailers. The intent of the axle weight increase was to eliminate the weight discrepancy between tridem hayrack semi-trailers and tridem pole trailers when hauling green felled and bucked logs or poles, since tridem pole trailers were allowed to a maximum tridem axle weight of 25 000 kg. The allowance was granted via the CVSE's Compliance Circular No. 02/08 dated August 6, 2008, with the original expiry date of December 31, 2009.

Appendix H and I of the Commercial Transport Regulations include axle weight reductions scheduled for December 31, 2009, of 1 000 kg for the tridem pole trailer (from the existing maximum of 25 000 kg to 24 000 kg), and of 2 100 kg for the triaxle pole trailer (from the existing 26 100 kg to 24 000 kg).

CVSE is extending the original weight change dates for all three of above trailer types until December 31, 2010.

The incremental axle weight allowed under Section 7.26 of the Commercial Transport Regulations (seasonal tolerances) will continue to be allowed for the logging truck combinations employing these three types of trailers.

No Commercial Transport Permit is required for operators of logging truck combinations consisting of one of the above three trailer types to operate at the unreduced maximum trailer weight.

This allowance is authorized pursuant to the general authority granted to the Director of Commercial Vehicle Safety under Section 7.02 (1) of the British Columbia Commercial Transport Regulations.

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