

**SUBJECT: Changes to British Columbia's Permitting Policy on Pipe and Steel**

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**PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR**

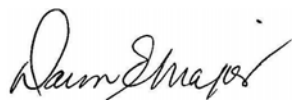
To advise that as of January 21, 2010, British Columbia making the following changes to its permitting policy on pipe and steel products:

- Maximum Overall Length – 31.00 metres;
- Maximum Rear Overhang from trailer turn centre – 6.50 metres;
- Maximum Front Projection from king pin of semi-trailer – 3.00 metres; and
- Loads of pipe and steel with an overall length greater than 31.00 metres must be transported on a steering trailer, or manned steering trailer if the overall length exceeds 36.00 metres.

**Note:** if using an expandable semi-trailer the maximum distance from the kingpin of the semi-trailer to the centre of its rear most axle cannot exceed 18.30 metres. Loads with an overall length greater than 31.00 metres must purchase Single Trip Oversize permits. Loads 31.00 metres and less can operate under a Single Trip Oversize or a Term Oversize permit.

**BACKGROUND**

British Columbia's, policy on oversize pipe and steel products, limited product length to a maximum of 20.00 metres and a maximum overall length of 25.00 metres. British Columbia also allowed for the transportation of pipe and steel products with an overall length greater than 31.00 metres provided a steerable trailer was used for transportation. Therefore; there was a gap between 25.00 metres and 31.00 metres where BC did not permit the transportation of pipe and steel products. The above policy change addresses loads up to 31.00 metres.



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