

SUBJECT: Six Months Trial for Preapproved and Unladen Heavy Haul (HH) Combinations Travelling on Long Combination Vehicle (LCV) Designated Routes Without a Pilot Car.

Managers, Victoria	Passenger Transportation Board	Commercial Transport Insp.
Regional CVSE Managers	Passenger Transportation Branch	(Inspection Stations)
Area Vehicle Inspectors	Carrier Safety Inspectors	ICBC
Deputy Director, CVSE	Government Agents	Supt of Motor Vehicles
ADM, Highways Department	Law Enforcement Agencies	Trucking Industry

PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR:

The following Permit Policy will be used to establish a six-month pilot project for preapproved and unladen heavy haul combinations to travel on LCV designated, provincial 4-lane divided highways without pilot cars. The pilot will be reviewed and results assessed after six months. Key assessment criteria are: District CVSE monitoring, public feedback, participant feedback, and independent monitoring reports.

CRITERIA FOR THE PILOT PROJECT:

- 1) Heavy Haul (HH) permittee is required to apply to the Manager, Commercial Transport, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement (CVSE), to participate in this pilot and show proof of previously issued extraordinary load permit in support for the unladen travel portion.
 - 1a) The HH combination covered under this Permit consideration must fall within the following overall dimensions and configurations:

Overall Width: Minimum 2.4 m, maximum 3.2 m
Overall Height: Minimum not specified, maximum 4.3 m (subject to height restrictions on the route); and
Overall Length: Minimum 27.5 m, maximum 41.0 m

Allowed Configurations: All HH combinations approved under Chapter 6 of BC's Commercial Transport Procedures Manual.
- 2) Adhere to posted route clearances; maximum speed shall be the lesser of 100 km/h or the posted speed limit.
- 3) Applicant must advise CVSE two business days in advance of proposed travel on provincial highways and in the pilot area on the designated LCV routes (See T-59A: <http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/cvse/CTPM/T-Forms/T-59A.pdf>)

- 4) CVSE will issue a Letter of Authorization (LOA) to HH permittee which allows suspending of certain clauses in the applicable T-Form, i.e., pilot car requirements while traveling on LCV designated routes. The LOA would allow HH permittee to opt out of the pilot, and return to full T-Form conditions prescribed in their extraordinary load permit.
- 5) Operating times are as per the original extraordinary load permit.
- 6) All T-Form provisions, except on the pilot car requirements, are still applicable on those portions of the approved LCV route under provincial jurisdiction (T-59).
- 7) While operating on the designated LCV route, the HH driver must observe the same operating conditions as the LCV operators, i.e., no travel under inclement weather conditions, etc. (See T-59 - operating requirements - <http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/cvse/CTPM/T-Forms/T-59.pdf> only).
- 8) HH driver must ensure that the vehicle stays in the lane-way that the unit is traveling in during curves and turns. No encroachment into the lane next to the travel lane at any time will be allowed, including but not limited to bridge approaches or sharp turns. Use of highway shoulder is not allowed in order to make curves or approaches to bridge or tunnels.
- 9) During the trip, all tires must remain in contact with the roadway when brake applications are made. At no time should the rear wheels start jumping due to any application of the air brakes especially if there is a rear booster attached to the main trailer at the time.
- 10) Long load signs must be placed on both front and rear of the preapproved HH combination and they must be visible to the motoring public to ensure that any driver passing the HH combination is aware that this vehicle is longer than a normal legal combination.
- 11) Any deviation from the designated LCV route will require pilot car(s) to meet and escort the HH combination to its final destination.

For a Letter of Authorization, please contact Jeffrey Monty, Manager Commercial Transport at 250-953-4017 or by email at Jeff.Monty@gov.bc.ca



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